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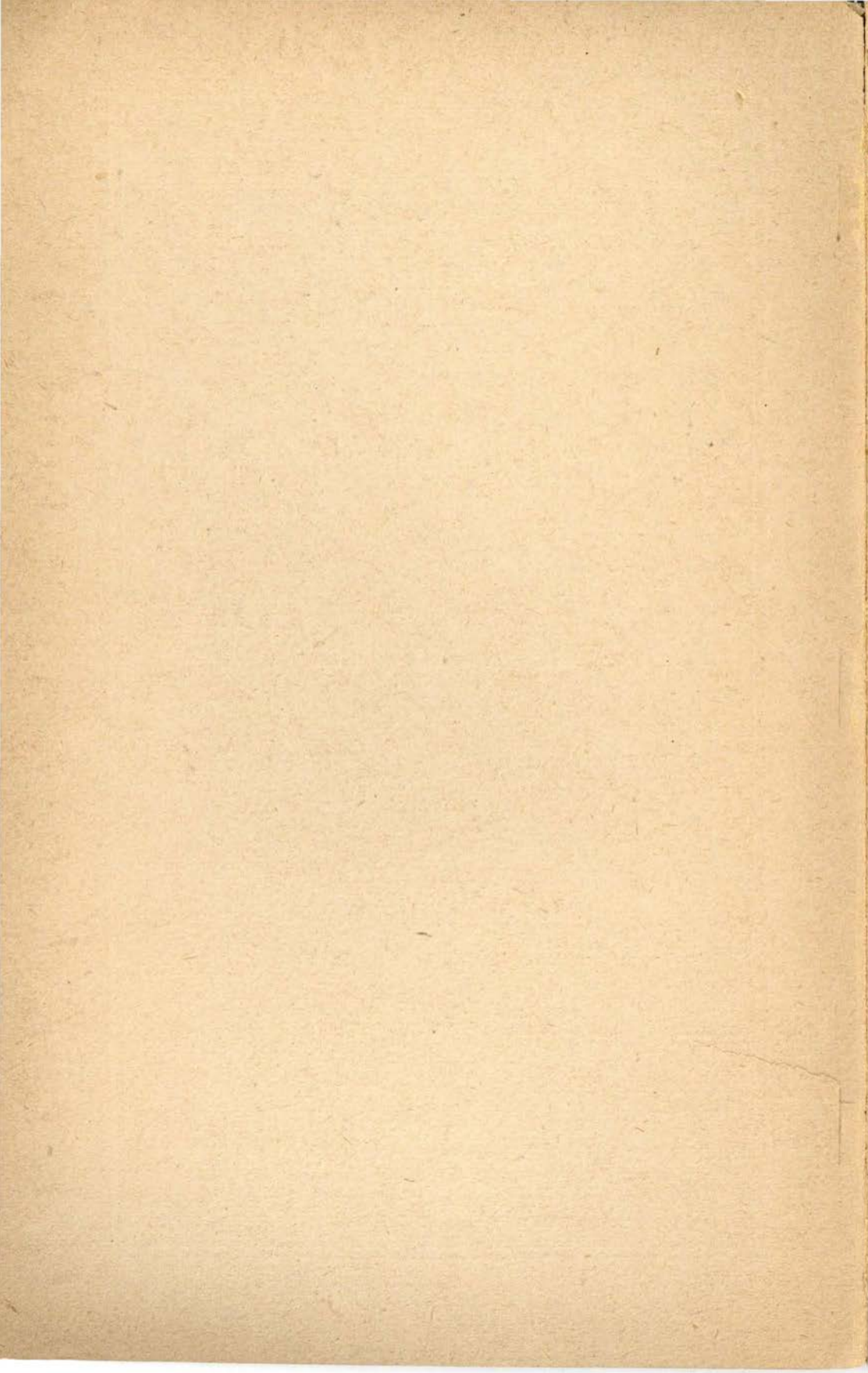
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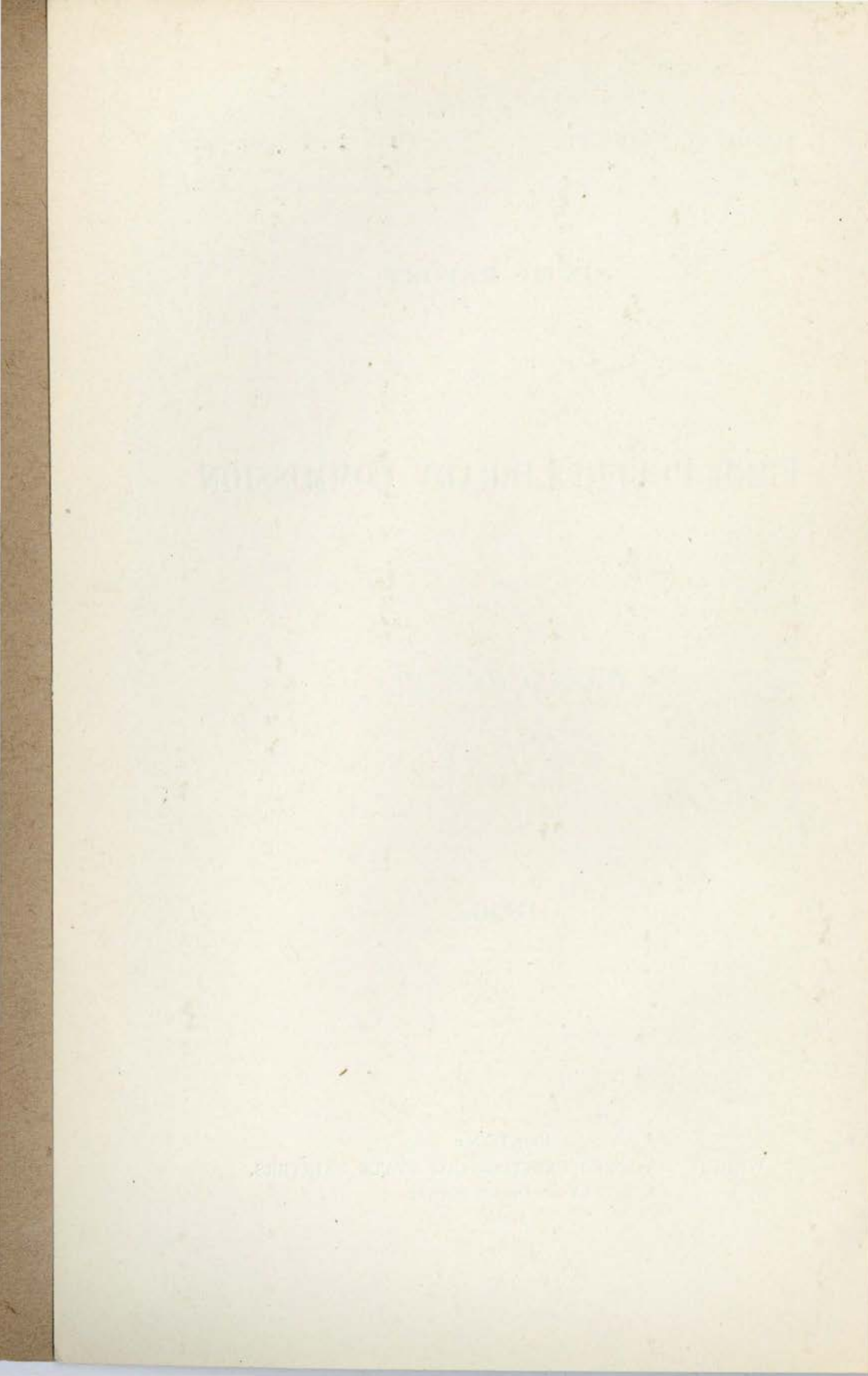
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, Jan. 27, 1896.

HON. GEORGE V. L. MEYER, *Speaker, House of Representatives.*

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the use of the Legislature, the sixth report of the Free Public Library Commission.

Respectfully,

WM. M. OLIN,

Secretary.

Committee of Investigation

Resolved, That the Committee of Investigation be authorized to inquire into the causes of the recent strike of the Long Island City Police, and to report thereon to the Board of Police Commissioners.

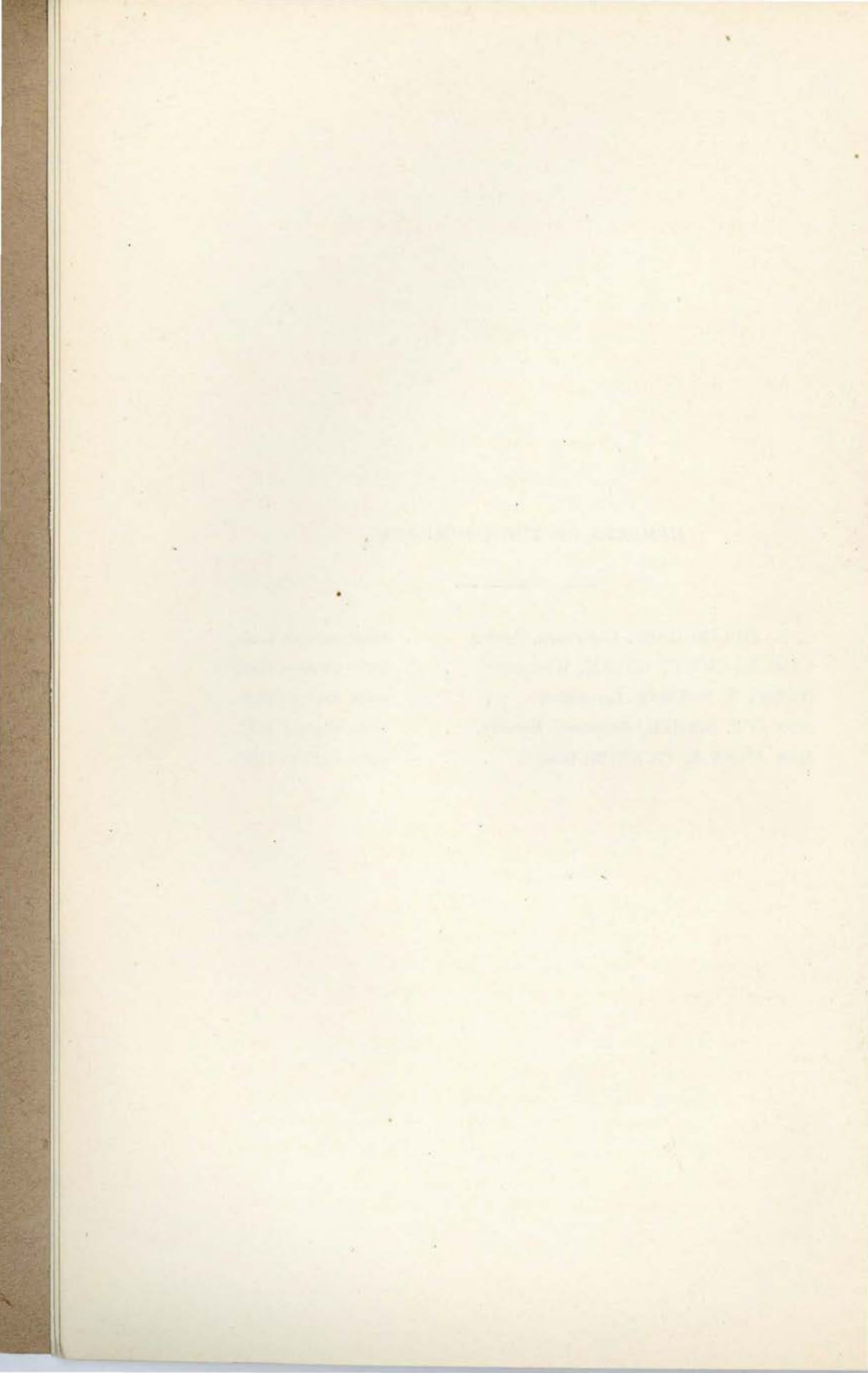
Respectfully,

WM. M. WALKER,

Chairman.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

C. B. TILLINGHAST, <i>Chairman</i> , Boston,	.	.	term expires 1900.
SAMUEL SWETT GREEN, Worcester,	.	.	term expires 1899.
HENRY S. NOURSE, Lancaster,	.	.	term expires 1898.
Miss E. P. SOHIER, <i>Secretary</i> , Beverly,	.	.	term expires 1897.
Miss ANNA E. TICKNOR, Boston,	.	.	term expires 1896.



REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

The sixth report of the Free Public Library Commission, herewith presented, includes a record of its work during the calendar year 1895.

THE COMMISSION.

The commission was established by chapter 347 of the Acts of the year 1890. Its members were appointed Oct. 22, 1890. Its first meeting was held Oct. 30, 1890, and monthly meetings have been regularly held since that time.

Mr. C. B. Tillinghast, whose commission expired in October, 1895, has been reappointed a member of the commission and designated by the governor as its chairman.

FIVE YEARS' PROGRESS.

When the commission was organized, one hundred and five towns in the State were without a free public library. The number in this class, as shown by this report, has been reduced to twenty-four. Some of these towns will have libraries as soon as bequests for that purpose can be rendered available, and nearly all of them contain association libraries of considerable size.

The towns in which the libraries were wholly under public control in 1890 numbered one hundred and seventy-five; this report shows the present number of that class to be two hundred and fifty-six, — an increase of eighty-one.

Statistics, however, give a very meagre indication of the progress of library work. With a treasure-house of books in nearly every town, the problem of distribution, of bringing the library within the easy reach of every family, is one that naturally engages much attention. The disposition to establish branches and deliveries for the benefit of the several villages or outlying sections of a town is an evidence at once of a growing demand for methods of wider and more general

distribution, and of a readiness to adopt the most practicable means to meet the demand. The intimate relation of the public library to the public school, and the special advantages and privileges which the libraries almost without exception give to teachers and scholars; the development of local clubs for special reading or study, especially in isolated communities; the tendency to make the library and reading-room homelike and cheerful; the anxiety of librarians to lead the people to read books that are useful as well as entertaining and attractive, and to study the special needs of the community; and the large number of people of wealth who donate funds for the purchase of books or to provide library buildings, — are among the indications of the development of the free public library as a public necessity and a public blessing.

NEW FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Eight towns which have accepted the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of 1890 have been supplied with books by the commission during the year, as follows: —

Carver,	Marshfield,	Salisbury,
Dartmouth,	Montgomery,	Sandisfield.
Longmeadow,	Russell,	

The town of Carlisle has been supplied with books under the provisions of chapter 255 of the Acts of 1892, and the town of Bernardston under chapter 148 of the Acts of 1894.

LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAW IN FIVE YEARS.

The following eighty-one towns have been supplied with books during the past five years, to aid in the formation of free public libraries under the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of 1890: —

Agawam,	Boxborough,	Dana,
Alford,	Carver,	Dartmouth,
Avon,	Charlemont,	Deerfield,
Bellingham,	Chelmsford,	Dighton,
Berkley,	Chester,	Dover,
Berlin,	Chilmark,	Edgartown,
Blandford,	Colrain,	Egremont,
Bourne,	Conway,	Essex,

Falmouth,	Lynnfield,	Salisbury,
Florida,	Marshfield,	Sandisfield,
Freetown,	Mashpee,	Sandwich,
Goshen,	Medway,	Savoy,
Gosnold,	Monroe,	Sheffield,
Granby,	Monterey,	Shelburne,
Granville,	Montgomery,	Shutesbury,
Greenwich,	Mount Washington,	Southwick,
Hamilton,	New Ashford,	Tolland,
Hampden,	Oakham,	Truro,
Hancock,	Otis,	Tyringham,
Hardwick,	Pelham,	Wellfleet,
Hawley,	Peru,	Wendell,
Heath,	Plainfield,	West Newbury,
Holland,	Plympton,	Westport,
Huntington,	Prescott,	West Stockbridge,
Leverett,	Richmond,	Wilbraham,
Leyden,	Rowley,	Windsor,
Longmeadow,	Russell,	Wrentham.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The following classification of the towns, revised to date, shows the free library facilities they now enjoy : —

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town, and free for circulation to all the people.

Abington,	Bolton,	Chester,
Adams,	Boston,	Chesterfield,
Agawam,	Bourne,	Chicopee,
Alford,	Boxborough,	Chilmark,
Andover,	Boylston,	Clinton,
Arlington,	Bridgewater,	Cohasset,
Ashburnham,	Brimfield,	Colrain,
Ashby,	Brockton,	Conway,
Ashland,	Brookfield,	Dalton,
Athol,	Brookline,	Dana,
Attleborough,	Burlington,	Dartmouth,
Auburn,	Cambridge,	Dedham,
Avon,	Canton,	Deerfield,
Bellingham,	Carlisle,	Dighton,
Belmont,	Carver,	Douglas,
Berkley,	Charlemont,	Dover,
Berlin,	Charlton,	Dunstable,
Beverly,	Chatham,	East Bridgewater,
Blackstone,	Chelmsford,	Eastham,
Blandford,	Chelsea,	Edgartown,

Egremont,	Lunenburg,	Orange,
Erving,	Lynn,	Orleans,
Essex,	Lynnfield,	Otis,
Everett,	Manchester,	Oxford,
Fall River,	Mansfield,	Paxton,
Falmouth,	Marblehead,	Peabody,
Fitchburg,	Marlborough,	Pelham,
Florida,	Marshfield,	Pepperell,
Foxborough,	Mashpee,	Peru,
Framingham,	Mattapoisett,	Phillipston,
Freetown,	Maynard,	Plainfield,
Gill,	Medfield,	Plymouth,
Goshen,	Medford,	Plympton,
Gosnold,	Medway,	Prescott,
Granby,	Melrose,	Provincetown,
Granville,	Mendon,	Quincy,
Greenfield,	Merrimac,	Reading,
Greenwich,	Middleborough,	Revere,
Groton,	Middlefield,	Richmond,
Groveland,	Middleton,	Rochester,
Halifax,	Milford,	Rockland,
Hamilton,	Millbury,	Rockport,
Hampden,	Millis,	Rowe,
Hancock,	Milton,	Rowley,
Hanover,	Monroe,	Royalston,
Hardwick,	Montague,	Russell,
Harvard,	Monterey,	Rutland,
Hatfield,	Montgomery,	Salisbury,
Hawley,	Mount Washington,	Sandisfield,
Heath,	Nahant,	Sandwich,
Holbrook,	Natick,	Saugus,
Holden,	Needham,	Savoy,
Holland,	New Ashford,	Sharon,
Holliston,	New Bedford,	Sheffield,
Hopedale,	New Braintree,	Shelburne,
Hubbardston,	Newburyport,	Sherborn,
Hudson,	New Salem,	Shirley,
Hull,	Newton,	Shrewsbury,
Huntington,	Norfolk,	Shutesbury,
Hyde Park,	North Adams,	Somerville,
Lancaster,	Northampton,	Southborough,
Lanesborough,	North Andover,	Southbridge,
Leicester,	North Attleborough,	Southwick,
Leominster,	Northborough,	Spencer,
Leverett,	North Brookfield,	Sterling,
Leyden,	Northfield,	Stoneham,
Longmeadow,	North Reading,	Stoughton,
Lowell,	Norwood,	Stow,
Ludlow,	Oakham,	Sturbridge,

Sudbury,	Walpole,	Weston,
Sunderland,	Waltham,	Westport,
Sutton,	Warwick,	West Springfield,
Swampscott,	Watertown,	West Stockbridge,
Taunton,	Wayland,	Weymouth,
Templeton,	Webster,	Whately,
Tewksbury,	Wellfleet,	Whitman,
Tisbury,	Wendell,	Wilbraham,
Tolland,	Wenham,	Williamstown,
Topsfield,	Westborough,	Wilmington,
Townsend,	West Boylston,	Winchendon,
Truro,	West Bridgewater,	Winchester,
Tyngsborough,	West Brookfield,	Windsor,
Tyringham,	Westford,	Winthrop,
Upton,	Westminster,	Worcester,
Uxbridge,	West Newbury,	Wrentham. — 256.
Wakefield,		

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Acton,	Easthampton,	Lincoln,
Ayer,	Enfield,	Littleton,
Amesbury,	Franklin,	Malden,
Barre,	Georgetown,	Methuen,
Bedford,	Grafton,	Norton,
Belchertown,	Haverhill,	Petersham,
Bernardston,	Hingham,	Randolph,
Bradford,	Hinsdale,	Salem,
Braintree,	Holyoke,	Springfield,
Concord,	Lawrence,	Warren,
Cummington,	Lenox,	Westfield,
Danvers,	Lexington,	Woburn. — 36.

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

Amherst,	Lee,	Southampton,
Ashfield,	Monson,	Stockbridge,
Boxford,	Northbridge,	Ware,
Cottage City,	Palmer,	Wellesley,
Duxbury,	Pembroke,	Westhampton,
Gardner,	Pittsfield,	Worthington. — 20.
Great Barrington,	Princeton,	

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

Barnstable,	Gloucester,	Raynham,
Becket,	Harwich,	Rehoboth,
Billerica,	Hopkinton,	Wareham,
Buckland,	Ipswich,	West Tisbury,
Easton,	Kingston,	Yarmouth. — 17.
Fairhaven,	Marion,	

CLASS 5.

Towns having no free library.

Acushnet,	Gay Head,	Scituate,
Brewster,	Hadley,	Seekonk,
Cheshire,	Hanson,	Somerset,
Clarksburg,	Lakeville,	South Hadley,
Dennis,	Nantucket,	Swansea,
Dracut,	Newbury,	Wales,
Dudley,	New Marlborough,	Washington,
East Longmeadow,	Norwell,	Williamsburg. — 24.

The town of Newbury has the free use of the public library of Newburyport, and the town of Washington has the free use of the Becket Athenæum.

GIFTS AND NEW BUILDINGS.

The following gifts and other matters of interest relative to libraries have come to the notice of the commission during the year : —

BEVERLY. The Hon. John I. Baker, the first mayor of Beverly, gave his salary, \$500, to the public library.

CARLISLE. Mrs. Joanna Gleason of Sudbury, a former resident of Carlisle, has built a library building for the latter town, to be known as the Gleason Library. The cost was about \$7,000.

CHELMSFORD. The new public library building, constructed for the town of Chelmsford by Mr. Amos Francis Adams of Newton at a cost of about \$30,000, was dedicated May 8, 1895. The library has received gifts of \$500 each for the purchase of books from Mr. Thomas M. Adams of Chelmsford and Mr. T. P. Proctor.

CONCORD. Hon. E. Rockwood Hoar bequeathed \$1,000 to the Concord Free Public Library.

DEDHAM. Mrs. Rebecca Guild Richards bequeathed \$1,000 to the Dedham Public Library.

EVERETT. The Frederick E. Parlin Memorial Library, a gift to the town of Everett, costing about \$21,000, was dedicated Sept. 17, 1895.

HEATH. In 1893 the sum of \$500 was bequeathed to the town of Heath for a library building, and, supplementing this with an appropriation, the town will provide a suitable home for its Library.

KINGSTON. The town of Kingston receives, by the will of the late Frederick C. Adams, the sum of \$5,000, one-fifth of which is to purchase books for the library. Two-thirds of the balance of the estate, which will amount to over \$80,000, is given to the town to build a hall and public library building.

LITTLETON. The new library building, given to the town of Littleton in memory of the late William Stevens Houghton by his children, was dedicated Dec. 4, 1895. It is a handsome structure of yellow brick with terra-cotta trimmings, and cost about \$25,000. It is to be the home of the Reuben Hoar Library, which was a gift to the town from Mr. Houghton, in grateful memory of his benefactor.

NEWBURYPORT. The late Hon. Eben F. Stone bequeathed \$5,000 to the Newburyport Public Library.

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH. The memorial library building, erected at a cost of \$60,000 as a gift to the town by the heirs of the late Ira Richards, was dedicated Sept. 14, 1895.

NORTHBOROUGH. The Gale Library building, a gift to the town of Northborough by Mr. Cyrus Gale, was dedicated June 12, 1895. It cost over \$30,000.

NORWOOD. Mr. George M. Morrill and his wife are to build a library building for the town of Norwood, as a memorial of their daughter, Sarah Bond Morrill.

ORANGE. Mrs. A. P. Goddard bequeathed \$3,000 for the purpose of establishing a free public library at North Orange.

QUINCY. Mrs. Clarissa L. Crane bequeathed \$20,000 to the Thomas Crane Public Library of Quincy, which was built as a memorial to her deceased husband. A further sum is bequeathed upon certain contingencies.

SPENCER. The late Richard Sugden, who during his lifetime built a fine library building for the town of Spencer, left by his will a business block valued at \$35,000 to the town, the rent of which is to be devoted to the maintenance of the library.

WARWICK. Mrs. Martha Clapp of Dorchester has given \$500 to the free public library of Warwick, to be kept as the Martha

Clapp fund, the income to be used for building, books and periodicals, any surplus not needed for that purpose to be used for the purchase of books.

WEYMOUTH. The trustees of the \$50,000 left by the late John S. Fogg to establish and maintain a library and reading-room in Weymouth have decided upon a site for a building, and appeal to the citizens to subscribe the money for its erection, in order that the income of the gift may be devoted to the maintenance of the institution.

APPEAL TO THE TOWNS.

The following circular letter has been sent to the towns that are still without free public libraries : —

The Free Public Library Commission desires to call your attention to the importance of the formation of a public library in your town which shall be absolutely free to all its citizens. The educational value of such a library, the intellectual and moral stimulus it gives to any community and the attractions it adds to the surroundings of a home have been so widely recognized in this State, that, of the three hundred and fifty-three towns and cities in Massachusetts, all but twenty-five have public libraries that are free to every man, woman and child.

There is no free public library in the following towns : —

<i>Barnstable County.</i>		
Brewster,	Dennis.	
<i>Berkshire County.</i>		
Cheshire,	Clarksburg,	New Marlborough,
	Washington.	
<i>Bristol County.</i>		
Acushnet,	Seekonk,	Somerset,
	Swansea.	
<i>Dukes County.</i>		
Gay Head,	Tisbury.	
<i>Essex County.</i>		
Newbury.		
<i>Hampden County.</i>		
East Longmeadow,	Wales.	
<i>Hampshire County.</i>		
Hadley,	South Hadley,	Williamsburg.

	<i>Middlesex County.</i>	
Dracut.		
	<i>Nantucket County.</i>	
Nantucket.		
	<i>Plymouth County.</i>	
Hanson,	Lakeville,	Norwell,
	Scituate.	
	<i>Worcester County.</i>	
Dudley.		

While the commission is aware that in some of these towns there are association libraries which charge a small fee for the use of books, the experience of other towns proves that such libraries do not meet the wants of the masses of the people, and that when a free library is established the number of readers increases many fold. If there are several villages in a town, the whole people can be served by the establishment of branches or special deliveries.

The commission appeals to you to bring this matter to the early attention of the citizens of your town by informal or public meetings; to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donations of books from persons who are interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town; to procure the insertion of an article in the warrant for the next town meeting, to see if the town will take action under this law; and, finally, to secure a vote which shall insure to your town the gift of one hundred dollars' worth of books from the State.

The desire of the members of the commission is to be helpful to you in every way in their power, and they invite every person who has an interest in the formation of a free public library to call upon them, freely, for any advice or assistance at their command.

THE WORK OF THE WOMAN'S EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

The smaller libraries and communities without libraries have received important and valuable aid during the past year from the Woman's Education Association of Boston, a body organized to promote educational interests, which has been interested lately in studying how to make the libraries in the smaller towns of the State more useful.

The Woman's Education Association offers to supply travelling libraries of about twenty-five volumes, which are too expensive or too little in demand to be bought by the

town purse. These libraries are loaned for the term of six months. In these collections are books of American history, natural science, general literature, travel, agriculture, sports, etc. Requests for books from local societies studying special topics will receive due consideration, and lists of the most desirable books on one or more subjects will be sent to libraries or societies applying for them. The association has the cordial endorsement of the State Library Commission in this work.

Applications for the travelling libraries may be sent from any town by the librarian and two other citizens. No charge is made for the use of the books except the prepayment of the return freight, but an account is expected of their circulation. As the number is limited, early application is desirable. For all information, address the secretary of the association, Miss Mary Morison, 26 Marlborough Street, Boston, Mass.

The association has now in use eleven of these libraries, containing an aggregate of three hundred and eleven volumes, most of which are of a more expensive character than the smaller towns can well afford to purchase, and all of which are selected with the greatest care.

This voluntary effort has been appreciated by the towns which have enjoyed its benefit, and the books have been well cared for and promptly returned. The commission heartily commends this good work, and appreciates the helpful spirit in which it has been undertaken.

SELECT LISTS OF FICTION.

The Massachusetts Library Club publishes a monthly list of select fiction, which is sent free of charge to all the public libraries in the State, and will be found a useful guide, especially to those who are charged with the selection and purchase of books for our smaller libraries.

ONLY ONE AND THREE-FIFTHS PER CENT. OF THE PEOPLE WITHOUT FREE LIBRARIES.

The total population of the State by the census of 1895 is 2,500,183; the population of the towns now without libraries

is 40,364, or only about one and three-fifths per cent. of the population is now deprived of the free use of a public library. Eighteen of the twenty-four towns now without libraries have a population of less than 2,000 each, and eleven show a loss of population in the last five years.

THE HELPFUL SPIRIT OF MASSACHUSETTS LIBRARIANS.

In response to a request addressed to the librarians of the free public libraries of Massachusetts for suggestions as to the best means for making a small library useful, a large number of answers were received. The following liberal quotations are made from these replies for the reason that they embody many suggestions which will be useful to those who have the care of our libraries, and also for the purpose of showing the liberal and helpful spirit manifested by the librarians of the free public libraries of Massachusetts:—

“A generous appropriation from the town, so that books can be bought as they are published.”

“Courteous treatment to all, aid to those needing direction in the line of reading they wish to pursue, and a careful selection of books that tend to cultivate the public taste for reading for improvement and information.”

“Make liberal and wise business regulations for the library, and then live up to them thoroughly.”

“I do not know that I have anything to suggest, for our little library is a cozy place, which I enjoy very much. I only wish it might be open more hours in the week.”

“In our library the public are not permitted to go to the shelves in the circulating department, but in the reference room are allowed full access to all of the books. We have lately tried doing without covering our books, and I find that the attractiveness of the reference room has greatly increased. Children who made no attempt to know the inside of a large volume swathed in brown paper are now attracted by bright covers, becoming acquainted with valuable reference books. Writing materials are kept conveniently at hand for those who wish to make note of anything. With us, children are allowed a great deal of freedom both in the reference room and in the reading-room. A certain amount of discipline is of course enforced but my aim is to have all the young people who make use of the library feel as free as possible from restraint. The result so far has been to increase the attendance.”

"About one hundred books of various popular authors are kept on the librarian's desk and table for examination and to select from. Two cards are allowed each person, provided one shall be used for books other than fiction. Subjects on which we have no special work are looked up by the librarian on request, and the volumes indicated are placed at the disposal of the persons requiring the information."

"The most important attraction, in my experience, has been the placing of the new books added in some convenient place, so that the public may have access to them and select the ones they like."

"Plenty of money for administration purposes, so as to have a good librarian, long hours of opening, good catalogues, etc."

"The best selected books; good printed or card catalogues; an intelligent, well-read and polite librarian, who is a lover of good books and in sympathy with the patrons of the library, especially the young; and free use of books under proper rules."

"Have as many illustrated books as possible, particularly for the children and young people."

"Attractive library and reading-rooms; simple system of cataloguing; care in the selection of books adapted to the needs of its patrons."

"New and attractive books of reference are placed on a table in the reading-room, where they can be examined readily. New books for circulation are also placed where all may examine them."

"I try to be interested in any subject that those coming to the library are especially desirous of knowing about, and show them all the books they desire to examine, or, if they do not know what they wish, choose those that seem to me best for them. I have found the practice of placing popular books (not fiction) on open shelves in the delivery room a good plan to help in the selecting of books. The plan of buying books that have been asked for (if not bad or worthless) and also books that I know will be read has proved successful in our library, as also the printing of lists of the new books in the town paper twice a month."

"Put the books best worth reading within reach of the patrons. A fascinating book often has a dry title, and will never be drawn from mere consultation of the catalogue. In a small town a librarian may do a good deal of personal work, recommending to people the books in which they are likely to be interested."

"We try especially to interest the young, and adults through them. We make our reading-room as attractive and pleasant as a well-appointed private sitting-room."

"I think that if a reading-room for periodicals were connected

with the library, and open Sunday evenings at least, it would be more useful and attractive."

"Keep the teachers interested; ask them to direct the pupils as to line of books to be read, and also to special subjects, which need not always be connected with school work. And, most important, let the librarian be a cheerful worker, anticipating the wants of readers, and especially those of the younger patrons."

"Make it absolutely free. Have a variety of books, among them well-selected novels, histories and children's books, and a librarian who can give information about books to inquirer and select books for children to read."

"An attractive room, willingness on the part of officials to work for the public good and cordial relations between said officials and the public."

"Untiring courtesy and willingness to answer all demands, unswerving justice to every applicant; the use of local papers for items of interest concerning the library; a prompt placing of new books in the hands of the public."

"We have circulated our magazines for nearly two years; think it works well. Allowing advanced pupils and others to select from the shelves, under supervision, works well with us. So far we have found it safe. Our summer residents are delighted with this extension of liberty and have never abused it."

"A bright, well-posted attendant; accessibility of books by a complete catalogue system."

"A careful choice of books for young minds, and selecting suitable books for young people undecided what to read."

"Personal influence, constantly exercised, seems to me most effective."

"Posting lists of books appropriate to any particular event, — holiday, death of well-known man, celebration, etc. We aim to put these up at time of any great happening. We find the public is interested in a list of 'ten latest accessions,' which we put up and fill, disregarding class of book, which is brought into account on the regular bulletin board list."

"The use of our library is unusually large, and our reading-room well patronized, — the result of trying at all times to treat our patrons with respect, and doing for them everything possible with what we have to do with."

"By purchasing the most useful, instructive and amusing for all ages and classes, and assisting those who do not know how in selecting what suits them best."

"People in our town read for recreation chiefly, and so do summer visitors, who are allowed to take books on the same terms as residents. They will read the class of books that represent the best in current literature. The latest purchases are always kept on tables, to which the public have access and can make their own selections."

"I have not much to say in regard to making the library pleasant and useful, but after nearly twenty-six years as librarian in this library I find that trying to please those that come for books and having books that please them and being pleasant and kind to the children has helped me in my duties very much, and will help others whose business it is to act in the community as librarian."

"Get the books the people want, and give them free access to them. When they don't know what they want, select the best they will accept."

"A reading-room connected with the library, with as few restrictions as possible in the use of the books, — we find no restrictions necessary except good behavior and quietness; a selected list of books in the circulating department for young girls; assistance rendered by the librarian to the young in the choice of books; an opportunity for the public to see and examine the new books, which are placed on a shelf outside of the counter for their examination; the offer of every facility possible to the teachers and pupils of the public schools."

"An abundance of bulletins; generous appropriations; increase of facilities for consulting the resources of the library; an information desk."

"The most important matter is to keep objectionable books from the shelves; attractive books are read eagerly enough, without urging. No urging will make young people read dry, tedious books."

"By the librarians being much interested in the work, and studying the tastes and need of the patrons, especially the young."

"The librarian should love his work, have faith in it as a means of great good, even against appearances; should get help of all who will help or can help; should talk and print and work without end, first to get people to come, and when present to take interest, one in one thing, another in another, according to his nature; and, second, should use every means to make the library the most efficient when most needed. To this end catalogues of various kinds for various purposes should be prepared and shown, printed if possible, advertised in local papers, etc., — unless the librarian is a living catalogue, and can be always present to every one who

would make use of materials which the library can furnish. Then the librarian should be given freedom of choice in his materials."

"For the librarian to be ready, willing and capable to make suggestions for old and young; to have only a good class of books; to cultivate the tastes for reading by suggestions, and in selecting books not to have any that are highly sensational or trashy; to allow children as young as ten to take out books and have them of a suitable nature."

"Have a good assortment of books, not entirely deep reading, but good stories by standard authors, to attract attention from trashy reading, and they will naturally fall into the deeper line in time."

"Giving to every one a cordial reception; always taking special pains to get the best book on the subject we have, and having books where the people can see them."

"In places like this, where the borrowers depend upon the librarian's assistance in choice of books, an acquaintance with the people, their mode of living and habits of thought, is a great help in making selections adapted to special needs; and the true librarian, with genuine love of the work, will find a multitude of ways to interest and attract others to the treasures on the library shelves."

"Good, fresh books, on live subjects, are of vital importance."

"Study the needs of the borrowers; make the room pleasant; give information to all; show an interest in the books they read and have plenty of patience."

"Quiet, clean, well-lighted room, with strict observance of the rules of the library; paintings on the walls, statues if possible; plenty of books of reference."

"Principally money, system, well-regulated and classified books and catalogues."

"Twenty years' experience has taught me that with a goodly sum of money (which we have never had) any library, large or small, can be made attractive and useful."

"A reading-room connected with the library, and daily papers; opened several hours every day, and a room of its own."

"Be pleasant, patient, painstaking."

"The most important point in making a public library attractive and useful in a manufacturing village is in the selection of books that will be read, being careful not to strike above the public capacity, and yet to gradually elevate such capacity and taste by judicious selections. In such communities, with a large foreign element and too much ignorance in the adult population, a valuable end in stimulating the desire for knowledge may be rendered by competent teachers in both public schools and Sunday schools."

"1. A very judicious selection of books from all departments of literature, made with the desire and purpose to furnish only the best. 2. A careful study of the growing needs and tastes of the reading community. 3. Calling attention occasionally to attractive and valuable books, through the local press or by personal intercourse with the more intelligent readers, by members of the purchasing committee. 4. Putting no covers upon the books, thereby avoiding that depressing look of sameness and uniformity which shelves of covered books suggest. 5. Giving readers perfectly free access to the shelves of the library. Let no bars, railings or librarian, even, stand between the reader and the books. In large libraries this may not be feasible, but in small libraries it is, and it is a good that should not be sacrificed to any prim ideas of order. Few will abuse this privilege, and cases of abuse can easily be dealt with without sacrificing the advantage which results to the many in being allowed to browse freely, with no let or hindrance, in all the fields of literature which the well-chosen library affords. In confirmation of the above, I may say that our summer visitors, coming mostly from the larger cities, warmly appreciate the unwonted freedom which our open shelves give them."

"To meet the public with courtesy and promptness in the use of all the facilities at the institution's disposal seems to be the most efficient way to make any library most attractive and useful."

"We have made our reading-room attractive in summer by vases of flowers on the tables."

"We keep our new books, for about three months, without covers and on open shelves, where they can be handled, read and taken home like other books; it has proved very acceptable."

"A well-selected reference room and a good list of magazines in the reading-room."

"Have books which the people will read, fiction predominating. Have a large share of juvenile literature, to interest the young people and inculcate the reading habit."

"Buy, as far as possible, what is asked for; publish or write frequent lists of new books, and get them before the public; display new books and books that are worth reading on counters or tables, where people can look them over; cultivate personal acquaintance and friendly relations with your patrons, that you may know their individual tastes and needs and be able to recommend the right book to the right person; keep on the watch for better ways of doing things, and be willing to take hints and suggestions from your patrons when they are practicable."

"We have found that the free use of the books and interest in

the school work of the children when they come for help gives all a feeling of pride and ownership in the library."

"A good librarian, who knows how to advise without being obtrusive."

"The reading-room greatly increases the patronage, and the circulation for the first four months in the new building almost equals that of the last seven months before."

"We find the most essential thing is to get books circulated. To accomplish this end we have (most of the time) four assistants, who carry books weekly for about twenty cents per week. Usually those who attend school from the several villages do this work."

"There should be a reference department; the library should be in a room or building by itself; it should have funds to meet the expenses of recataloguing and increasing expenses of a growing library; parents should feel more interest in the selection of books for their children and their care. Unless the librarian looks the books over, mending and recovering as they are returned before being placed on the shelves, the library will go backward instead of forward; books should be covered, a clean cover improving the appearance as much as a clean garment does a person. The young should be early trained to form a taste for history, travels, etc., rather than fiction; and mechanical as well scientific books should be yearly added for the boys, especially in the country villages, with people of limited means. The library room should be made attractive, well-lighted and warmed, with comfortable seats."

LIBRARY COMMISSIONS IN OTHER STATES.

Following the example of Massachusetts, library commissions have been established and are doing excellent work in New Hampshire and Vermont. Connecticut has a public library committee, with similar duties, appointed by the State Board of Education. A library commission has been established in Wisconsin, another in Montana, and vigorous efforts are being made to secure such legislation in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and several other States.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Appended to this report will be found tables giving statistics of all the free public libraries in the State; the statis-

tics of the reading rooms connected with them, required by an order of the House of Representatives of 1895; a list of the libraries, by name, with the name of the librarian, and a list of library buildings that have been given, with the names of the donors. These statistics for the year 1894-95, as compared with those of 1891-92, show that in three years the number of bound volumes in our free public libraries has increased from 2,759,400 to 3,139,637; that the circulation for home use has increased from 5,040,629 to 6,267,061, or nearly a million and a quarter of volumes. The number of branch libraries and deliveries has increased in the same time from 108 to 185. It must always be borne in mind that these statistics embrace only such libraries as are free for the circulation of books, and do not include association, college, institution or other libraries. It is believed that a careful study of these tables will be serviceable to librarians, trustees and all those who are interested in the progress and development of the free public library system in the State of Massachusetts, where the library is practically as free as the public school.

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APPENDIX I.

STATISTICS

OF

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

IN

MASSACHUSETTS,

1894-95.

STATISTICS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1894-95.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popula- tion, 1895.	Valuation, 1895.	Number of bound volumes.	Books circulated for home use.	Town appropri- ation for the library.	Amount of dog tax devoted to the library.	Income from other sources.	Expended for books and periodicals.	Paid for salaries and services.	Other expenses.	Number of branch libraries.
BARNSTABLE.											
Barnstable,	4,055	\$3,737,600	12,613	3,075	-	-	\$665 00	\$131 41	\$375 00	\$262 42	2
Centreville,	-	-	1700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cotuit,	-	-	2,500	3,692	-	-	400 00	-	75 00	25 00	-
Marston's Mills,	-	-	866	1,183	-	-	86 35	17 00	3 40	62 25	-
Osterville,	-	-	1,800	4,000	-	-	455 00	100 00	200 00	155 00	-
Bourne,	1,580	1,709,775	1,076	3,470	-	\$284 23	40 22	232 73	75 00	16 72	5
Brewster,*	901	568,285	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chatham,	1,809	839,456	1,405	6,239	\$225 00	-	22 56	100 00	100 00	22 27	-
Dennis,*	2,545	1,260,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eastham,	476	288,100	1,102	1,342	25 00	48 16	22 29	20 00	20 00	51 08	-
Falmouth,	2,655	6,500,822	3,040	8,086	69 61	389 44	179 45	515 00	100 00	23 50	2
Harwich,	2,532	1,108,770	15,000	1,030	-	-	150 00	30 00	-	40 50	-
Mashpee,	330	194,090	687	749	20 00	-	-	20 00	-	5 00	-
Orleans,	1,198	552,305	3,018	4,734	-	-	190 55	189 63	75 00	19 73	-
Provincetown,	4,555	2,005,886	6,209	12,527	400 00	172 00	335 00	550 00	332 00	115 00	-
Sandwich,	1,580	909,950	1,300	5,979	100 00	-	314 55	120 23	51 80	39 80	-
Truro,	815	331,148	1,135	300	50 00	-	36 02	23 50	35 00	27 52	2
Wellfleet,	968	650,522	1,975	6,348	100 00	-	-	-	25 00	56 25	-
Yarmouth,	1,655	1,595,110	4,300	4,130	-	-	200 00	175 00	25 00	-	-
	27,654	\$22,252,019	48,726	66,884	\$989 61	\$893 83	\$3,096 99	\$2,224 50	\$1,492 20	\$922 04	11

BERKSHIRE.											
Adams,	7,837	\$3,904,704	6,855	19,981	\$2,000 00	-	\$555 88	\$653 37	\$512 48	\$1,269 84	-
Alford,	280	181,574	553	325	25 00	-	-	-	10 00	5 00	-
Becket,	888	423,365	1,000	11,097	15 00	-	22 62	-	21 28	2 42	-
Cheshire,*	1,176	688,829	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clarksburg,*	1,009	221,639	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dalton,	3,210	2,364,159	3,235	13,800	400 00	\$129 75	250 32	218 98	232 00	139 24	-
Egremont,	836	438,692	1,300	140	50 00	-	-	-	25 00	-	-
Florida,	425	167,635	250	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Barrington,	4,794	3,308,441	6,000	14,085	500 00	-	500 00	400 00	312 00	100 00	-
Hancock,	511	314,199	284	2,080	50 00	31 77	-	50 00	-	25 00	-
Hinsdale,	1,650	697,406	3,000	4,500	200 00	150 00	-	25 00	100 00	225 00	-
Lanesborough,	848	486,281	1,800	2,500	-	87 00	10 00	40 00	36 00	30 00	-
Lee,	4,066	1,739,816	4,632	19,000	300 00	110 53	30 93	267 63	151 40	31 70	-
Lenox,	2,872	3,293,158	10,500	18,000	-	125 00	550 00	235 00	340 00	100 00	-
Monterey,	464	221,063	528	935	-	25 00	6 59	28 50	-	3 04	-
Mount Washington,	136	81,718	400	150	15 00	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Ashford,	116	57,215	1,350	100	15 00	-	-	11 00	5 00	4 00	-
New Marlborough,*	1,288	538,922	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Adams,	19,135	7,328,751	13,830	73,944	4,500 00	-	234 42	1,045 47	1,475 23	2,213 72	-
Otis,	518	200,665	386	435	15 00	-	-	13 43	-	50	-
Peru,	305	119,121	170	†	15 00	-	5 00	-	-	6 28	-
PITTSFIELD,	20,461	13,849,630	23,000	60,000	2,000 00	-	2,976 08	1,735 76	2,436 73	803 59	-
Richmond,	701	336,873	600	550	25 00	-	42 00	-	40 00	42 00	-
Sandisfield,	802	357,490	329	485	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Savoy,	504	160,353	300	1,200	15 00	-	-	-	-	15 00	-
Sheffield,	1,897	896,894	786	13,500	125 00	-	50 00	95 00	30 00	50 00	-
Stockbridge,	2,077	3,053,564	17,000	7,650	600 00	172 49	112 83	432 09	406 25	321 50	1

* No free library.

† Estimated.

† Records were burned.

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BERKSHIRE—Con.											
Tyringham,	363	\$207,359	351	330	\$15 00	-	\$17 00	\$12 00	-	\$5 00	-
Washington,*	423	197,279	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Stockbridge,	1,257	493,022	990	2,958	115 00	-	8 80	103 06	\$15 00	22 25	-
Williamstown,	4,887	2,650,945	3,547	24,723	580 06	\$146 76	8 32	300 28	86 80	305 35	-
South Williamstown,	-	-	995	1,070	75 00	73 50	8 10	74 49	26 00	15 50	-
Blackinton,	-	-	2,583	2,583	100 00	-	-	80 99	-	29 20	-
Windsor,	556	187,680	460	1816	15 00	-	48	10 08	-	7 70	3
	86,292	\$49,168,442	95,614	236,137	\$11,765 06	\$1,051 80	\$5,389 37	\$5,832 13	\$6,261 17	\$5,772 83	4
BRISTOL.											
Acushnet,*	1,115	\$628,970	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attleborough,	8,288	4,746,088	4,500	22,000	\$1,000 00	-	-	\$350 00	\$180 00	\$530 00	-
Berkley,	955	397,565	377	1,183	65 00	-	\$8 72	43 00	15 00	8 75	-
Dartmouth,	3,107	2,455,600	282	740	50 00	-	1 90	-	-	19 32	-
Dighton, ³	1,797	762,341	351	1,800	50 00	\$100 00	15 99	100 00	-	50 00	-
Easton,	4,452	4,582,711	13,839	15,802	-	-	1,700 00	561 07	900 00	621 57	-
Fairhaven,	3,338	2,187,719	11,000	51,991	-	-	5,025 75	1,500 00	2,742 41	700 00	-
FALL RIVER,	89,203	65,238,178	47,422	109,343	5,500 00	3,164 64	2,389 04	3,345 33	2,626 15	3,570 48	-
Freetown,	1,405	817,772	651	11,000	75 00	-	10 00	39 64	-	-	-
Mansfield,	3,722	1,793,821	3,000	10,920	425 83	-	36 00	38 32	154 00	256 51	-
NEW BEDFORD,	55,251	52,642,733	65,000	104,591	6,450 00	1,337 59	3,966 66	3,644 37	6,973 75	1,136 13	-
North Attleborough,	6,576	3,834,224	5,000	18,598	1,500 00	-	-	395 13	536 06	612 61	-

Norton,	1,614	791,285	3,722	5,213	400 00	-	211 35	179 31	170 00	48 69	1
Raynham,	1,518	772,791	1,100	¹ 2,500	-	-	133 33	14 75	29 00	35 85	-
Rehoboth,	1,810	712,785	1,516	1,439	-	-	30 52	-	25 00	6 27	-
Seekonk,*	1,465	920,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset,*	1,983	1,015,830	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swansea,*	1,627	840,396	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TAUNTON,	27,115	19,203,484	40,500	73,009	4,500 00	1,906 26	304 26	2,318 33	2,737 66	1,919 45	-
Westport,	2,678	1,467,975	854	780	50 00	-	5 00	30 00	13 00	12 00	-
	219,019	\$165,812,518	199,205	420,909	\$20,065 83	\$6,508 49	\$13,838 52	\$12,559 25	\$17,102 03	\$9,527 63	1
DUKES.											
Chilmark,	304	\$215,877	713	698	\$25 00	-	-	\$9 09	\$10 00	\$4 06	2
Cottage City,	1,038	1,567,700	1,225	3,000	100 00	-	\$25 00	-	52 00	65 00	-
Edgartown,	1,125	730,337	814	2,872	50 00	-	-	-	52 00	-	-
Gay Head,*	169	28,172	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gosnold,	140	221,163	300	103	15 00	\$30 85	25 00	27 00	20 00	1 00	-
Tisbury,	1,002	874,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Tisbury,	460	387,263	1,000	1,000	-	-	100 00	-	50 00	40 00	-
	4,238	\$4,024,662	4,052	7,673	\$190 00	\$30 85	\$150 00	\$36 09	\$184 00	\$110 06	2
ESSEX.											
Amesbury,	9,986	\$5,025,197	6,790	28,217	\$600 00	\$608 96	\$49 15	\$554 78	\$372 75	\$134 19	-
Andover,	6,145	4,603,273	13,703	22,696	-	506 57	1,510 69	459 07	809 00	636 43	4
Ballardvale,	-	-	1,800	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BEVERLY,	11,806	13,909,450	17,363	¹ 38,724	2,000 00	371 54	89 10	733 14	1,083 12	375 99	3
Boxford,	727	735,237	1,658	1,658	-	66 34	24 00	87 49	-	2 85	-
West Boxford,	-	-	1,032	900	-	66 34	2 07	60 85	6 00	10 30	-
Bradford,	4,736	2,603,961	3,573	19,535	171 95	328 05	445 14	358 21	360 00	475 00	-

* No free library.

¹ Estimated.² In six months.³ Has not been open a year.

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ESSEX — Con.											
Danvers,	8,181	\$4,515,395	16,540	22,070	-	-	\$1,100 00	\$477 15	\$445 50	\$174 61	-
Essex,	1,587	872,100	1,300	5,888	-	-	892 04	666 33	100 00	125 71	-
Georgetown,	2,050	991,890	8,493	7,933	-	-	1,574 04	375 29	265 00	255 54	-
GLOUCESTER,	28,211	15,908,496	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Magnolia,</i>	-	-	2,653	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Groveland,	2,333	948,218	2,831	7,479	\$200 00	\$122 96	190 16	143 02	80 00	-	-
Hamilton,	1,356	1,166,225	1,805	2,410	250 00	-	2 01	-	100 00	1 35	1
HAVERHILL,	30,209	20,793,004	55,400	80,392	3,280 00	1,766 48	2,375 00	2,927 77	2,567 58	725 66	3
Ipswich,	4,720	2,954,385	11,891	13,500	-	-	909 50	400 00	506 50	3 00	-
LAWRENCE,	52,164	33,533,588	37,999	124,724	6,500 00	1,733 55	1,228 31	2,328 07	4,170 78	4,510 27	-
LYNN,	62,354	49,698,056	49,616	130,557	4,500 00	2,358 77	855 50	2,401 65	4,543 01	914 08	-
Lynnfield,	818	619,907	920	2,492	-	100 60	12 24	28 67	52 00	30 55	1
Manchester,	1,876	6,807,614	7,838	11,712	600 00	196 35	39 37	419 81	399 23	104 06	-
Marblehead,	7,671	5,466,105	12,189	25,245	700 00	-	822 85	513 00	600 00	142 33	-
Merrimac,	2,301	1,342,105	4,814	10,167	500 00	-	25 22	175 05	200 00	159 35	-
Methuen,	5,690	3,529,431	12,508	15,989	-	-	-	-	1,400 00	-	-
Middleton,	838	555,457	4,177	6,438	-	-	603 19	31 30	150 00	353 19	-
Nahant,	865	4,861,007	10,500	8,472	800 00	-	-	331 30	336 90	79 54	-
Newbury,*	1,489	979,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEWBURYPORT,	14,552	9,735,949	30,850	38,565	1,650 00	804 72	1,815 00	1,056 93	2,389 40	711 10	1
North Andover,	3,569	2,889,213	7,809	18,800	1,200 00	322 00	-	352 00	382 00	536 00	1

Peabody,	10,507	7,833,750	32,169	37,736	-	-	3,720 29	1,118 04	1,649 33	894 24	-
<i>Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library,</i>	-	-	3,046	-	-	-	1,498 15	700 30	325 00	11 07	-
Rockport,	5,289	2,710,864	2,300	10,400	400 00	-	-	165 23	150 00	82 00	1
Rowley,	1,272	642,706	1,737	6,437	-	162 36	10 90	86 11	65 00	13 80	-
SALEM,	34,473	28,846,700	29,434	112,349	10,000 00	-	2,690 50	3,923 15	5,285 77	2,712 76	-
Salisbury,	1,300	615,775	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saugus,	4,497	2,958,518	3,650	11,694	200 00	345 00	41 61	300 00	91 50	95 11	5
Swampscott,	3,259	5,201,847	7,000	18,109	400 00	262 23	21 25	343 35	235 00	95 89	-
Topsfield,	1,033	881,130	6,649	5,944	-	-	487 98	342 91	75 00	44 57	-
Wenham,	886	685,125	2,207	3,865	150 00	-	7 05	114 10	5 15	15 23	1
West Newbury, ⁴	1,643	869,073	2,265	7,999	300 00	-	-	125 00	37 50	136 00	-
	330,393	\$246,289,751	426,500	861,096	\$34,401 95	\$10,122 82	\$23,042 31	\$22,104 07	\$29,238 02	\$14,561 77	21
FRANKLIN.											
Ashfield,	1,013	\$496,338	4,100	9,500	¹ \$200 00	-	¹ \$150 00	\$185 00	\$85 00	\$80 00	-
Bernardston,	778	430,723	5,756	4,740	75 00	-	438 00	390 76	125 00	6 35	-
Buckland,	1,548	550,627	2,297	1,740	-	-	45 00	45 00	-	-	-
Charlemont,	1,041	347,701	900	13,000	65 00	-	58 80	50 98	26 00	-	-
Colrain,	1,610	574,624	389	1500	50 00	-	18 50	42 00	25 00	1 50	-
Conway,	1,304	680,899	2,173	1,950	25 00	-	236 64	220 61	21 00	20 03	-
Deerfield,	3,007	1,585,519	1,240	4,875	75 00	-	-	21 62	17 50	35 56	-
<i>Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Assoc.,</i>	-	-	15,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erving,	964	405,735	1,421	3,500	50 00	-	48 75	50 00	30 00	48 75	1
Gill,	1,082	482,469	11,400	1,837	70 50	\$43 05	5 07	43 48	30 00	41 50	1
Greenfield,	6,229	5,188,151	9,047	36,503	1,500 00	294 36	28 40	842 33	419 22	526 33	-
Hawley,	468	141,704	300	1 400	15 00	-	-	15 00	-	-	1
Heath,	476	187,128	511	721	39 00	-	10	15 00	24 00	-	-
Leverett,	744	275,256	627	708	100 00	-	1 78	63 92	20 00	2 10	1

* No free library.

¹ Estimated.⁴ For nine months.

Granville,	1,005	345,709	334	941	-	1 50 00	2 34	-	-	96	1
Hampden,	743	403,285	637	3,120	50 00	-	55 00	50 00	55 00	-	-
Holland,	199	91,499	315	177	-	15 00	-	-	10 00	-	-
HOLYOKE,	40,322	27,704,625	17,335	47,268	3,000 00	259 15	-	1,577 11	1,209 45	569 58	-
Longmeadow, ⁵	620	510,795	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ludlow,	2,562	1,113,838	1 3,400	8,349	100 00	75 00	26 18	90 06	124 80	-	-
Monson,	3,746	1,678,813	5,493	11,929	300 00	-	1,238 68	408 06	500 00	332 24	-
Montgomery,	275	140,090	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Palmer,	6,858	2,727,504	3,911	12,166	800 00	-	399 07	47 13	281 75	855 58	3
Russell,	846	511,052	159	1 1,300	25 00	-	1 25	1 00	-	-	-
Southwick,	961	510,591	1,000	1,800	300 00	-	-	150 00	25 00	-	-
SPRINGFIELD,	51,522	59,033,141	90,544	150,796	17,000 00	2,405 51	2,976 95	6,092 91	8,898 45	5,415 32	-
Tolland,	309	141,164	294	240	15 00	-	71	-	5 00	-	-
Wales,*	783	278,105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Westfield,	10,663	7,833,253	15,000	21,722	750 00	700 00	674 00	585 00	1,025 00	385 00	-
West Springfield,	6,125	4,112,471	4,792	8,252	917 97	-	-	150 00	-	767 97	-
Wilbraham,	1,740	755,386	506	1506	25 00	132 82	5 02	130 45	24 50	7 50	-
	152,938	\$119,604,206	167,948	319,488	\$25,832 97	\$4,182 16	\$5,543 21	\$10,628 16	\$13,080 91	\$9,158 99	7
HAMPSHIRE.											
Amherst,	4,785	\$3,133,213	6,607	18,476	\$400 00	-	\$566 33	\$540 50	\$126 00	\$181 80	1
North Amherst,	-	-	1,900	12,600	100 00	-	1100 00	70 00	50 00	40 00	1
Belchertown,	2,161	840,715	5,342	10,204	-	\$242 42	389 73	127 00	238 00	267 15	-
Chesterfield,	589	282,708	820	770	25 00	-	4 00	5 00	15 00	3 00	-
Cummington,	750	292,079	6,500	1 2,000	74 00	-	-	7 20	-	36 73	-
Easthampton,	4,790	2,535,755	10,022	16,750	500 00	-	342 82	145 56	340 60	356 66	-
Enfield,	990	607,350	13,000	6,045	-	1100 00	-	160 00	30 00	110 00	-
Goshen,	304	140,441	490	12,000	25 00	-	-	25 00	7 80	-	-

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HAMPSHIRE—Con.											
Granby,	748	\$441,587	974	2,512	\$109 68	-	\$5 00	\$59 15	\$24 00	\$4 43	-
Greenwich,	481	260,280	600	1,220	75 00	-	5 88	56 91	10 00	11 55	-
Hadley,*	1,704	955,695	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hatfield,	1,262	927,764	1 5,000	1 5,000	250 00	-	-	163 00	75 00	12 00	-
Huntington,	1,450	512,010	361	1,249	25 00	\$25 00	18 50	-	27 25	2 50	-
Middlefield,	386	204,050	960	700	-	45 33	-	20 76	10 00	2 00	-
NORTHAMPTON,	16,746	10,675,198	28,149	50,242	1,000 00	-	3,760 00	1,194 72	1,783 14	-	-
<i>Florence, Lilly Library,</i>	-	-	5,500	11,461	490 00	-	551 03	300 00	415 00	130 00	-
Pelham,	486	171,169	392	350	25 00	-	-	50	13 00	16 38	1
Plainfield,	450	162,439	762	1,081	25 00	-	-	15 35	5 00	4 65	-
Prescott,	401	165,098	855	1,122	30 00	-	9 25	20 00	10 00	1 25	-
Southampton,	1,054	478,016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Hadley,*	4,443	2,083,820	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ware,	7,651	4,184,250	10,671	30,632	1,000 00	371 12	436 60	641 10	581 00	503 25	-
Westhampton,	476	222,483	1,745	1,444	20 00	70 24	35 00	100 00	20 00	-	-
Williamsburg,*	1,955	874,195	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worthington,	648	314,914	1,004	1,002	-	-	68 00	44 75	16 00	5 00	-
	54,710	\$30,465,229	91,654	166,860	\$4,173 68	\$854 11	\$6,232 14	\$3,596 50	\$3,796 79	\$1,588 35	3
MIDDLESEX.											
Acton,	1,978	\$1,528,165	5,410	9,006	\$550 00	-	\$14 61	\$150 00	\$200 00	\$200 00	2
Arlington,	6,515	7,718,905	13,114	39,195	2,000 00	\$538 62	2,265 05	725 22	2,296 78	1,708 02	1

Ashby,	804	492,397	1,670	1,413	125 00	-	-	57 96	35 00	4 50	-
Ashland,	2,090	1,207,126	¹ 3,900	6,610	160 00	340 09	31 00	307 70	107 50	140 89	-
Ayer,	2,101	1,357,014	¹ 7,000	11,281	500 00	-	73 34	20 30	234 14	154 25	-
Bedford,	1,169	957,437	4,034	6,256	200 00	244 92	11 74	334 02	60 00	59 65	-
Belmont,	2,843	3,861,940	8,552	10,800	800 00	279 74	-	582 00	352 00	161 63	1
Billerica,	2,577	1,797,262	3,179	5,224	-	-	569 85	67 44	150 00	281 86	-
Boxborough,	307	232,695	692	913	50 00	32 50	1 25	39 98	11 14	2 87	-
Burlington,	574	516,365	2,542	1,300	40 00	-	80 30	40 00	40 30	40 00	-
CAMBRIDGE,	81,643	80,911,060	46,770	119,631	10,000 00	4,761 31	323 67	4,388 05	6,330 74	4,312 49	6
Carlisle,	492	352,619	1,486	903	-	74 11	1 62	12 51	35 00	25 00	-
Chelmsford,	3,162	2,093,130	3,995	17,342	835 00	-	1,100 00	165 00	240 00	15 00	1
Concord,	5,175	3,828,441	26,824	25,295	2,141 00	296 66	1,103 84	1,424 39	1,341 90	665 26	-
Dracut,*	2,443	1,758,992	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dunstable,	400	292,944	1,749	1,200	25 00	53 27	31 05	74 40	20 00	11 55	-
EVERETT,	18,573	13,574,600	9,373	48,971	1,800 00	1,496 86	113 50	1,339 61	913 50	1,144 08	-
Framingham,	9,512	8,178,366	17,411	42,959	1,000 00	-	2,241 65	¹ 1,000 00	800 00	¹ 700 00	2
Groton,	2,192	2,764,893	6,782	8,898	300 00	284 29	281 71	301 27	327 50	175 36	-
Holliston,	2,718	1,626,475	5,272	12,474	-	373 37	66 31	251 77	231 00	34 68	-
Hopkinton,	2,984	1,910,957	3,500	¹ 9,600	-	-	225 00	-	175 00	50 00	-
Hudson,	5,308	2,853,773	7,000	23,100	700 00	261 79	58 45	500 00	400 00	120 24	-
Lexington,	3,498	4,121,636	15,150	22,662	1,050 00	464 17	1,021 33	794 21	1,050 00	580 33	1
Lincoln,	1,111	2,434,919	5,750	3,700	500 00	228 00	364 00	370 00	425 00	297 00	-
Littleton,	1,136	854,371	6,308	6,245	-	-	710 99	521 08	259 00	34 89	-
LOWELL,	84,367	68,782,042	50,000	151,907	15,000 00	3,177 20	473 54	4,452 23	7,468 43	10,511 76	-
MALDEN,	29,708	23,071,940	25,155	92,085	5,000 00	1,934 54	1,681 94	3,129 09	2,975 01	2,512 38	1
MARLBOROUGH,	14,977	8,673,238	¹ 12,000	44,342	1,100 00	1,417 90	67 07	539 47	1,127 00	836 77	-
Maynard,	3,090	2,127,310	3,492	125,000	200 00	327 15	23 00	123 85	130 00	356 26	-
MEDFORD,	14,474	16,979,300	16,347	51,439	3,500 00	1,382 93	150 57	1,275 18	1,941 09	1,814 25	3

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MIDDLESEX—Con.											
Melrose,	11,965	\$10,638,750	10,616	41,298	\$1,076 49	-	\$1,024 04	\$691 41	\$772 75	\$634 49	1
Natick, <i>Morse Institute</i> ,	8,814	5,561,850	17,080	34,132	800 00	\$1,280 40	1,235 83	764 70	¹ 2,000 00	543 86	1
<i>Bacon Free Library</i> ,	-	-	4,800	4,600	-	-	592 40	21 80	226 00	179 02	-
NEWTON,	27,590	47,388,044	46,755	143,887	14,675 00	-	1,848 10	4,179 34	5,788 88	6,130 06	10
North Reading,	835	534,896	3,891	7,789	165 00	58 00	-	115 89	67 00	34 10	-
Pepperell,	3,321	2,007,567	7,500	10,000	-	404 00	47 00	308 38	113 53	57 59	1
Reading,	4,717	3,691,597	7,209	19,651	600 00	408 34	-	279 50	240 00	370 32	-
Sherborn,	1,446	831,003	5,023	4,795	100 00	94 19	50 80	-	80 00	-	-
Shirley,	1,399	737,135	2,009	6,182	200 00	-	50 00	100 00	-	150 00	1
SOMERVILLE,	52,200	46,453,900	29,000	106,341	6,500 00	2,710 90	366 58	3,287 83	3,612 87	2,666 78	2
Stoneham,	6,284	4,307,045	8,341	20,145	400 00	-	350 00	400 00	250 00	-	-
Stow,	920	662,034	3,100	10,000	-	-	506 00	200 00	100 00	118 40	1
Sudbury,	1,141	1,128,960	¹ 13,000	¹ 12,000	-	-	800 00	125 00	225 00	450 00	-
Tewksbury,	3,379	1,533,302	4,341	3,019	250 00	264 02	-	127 14	251 05	110 67	5
Townsend,	1,780	1,120,693	2,759	4,716	100 00	179 92	48 10	170 90	121 56	134 67	-
Tyngsborough,	635	378,652	3,961	2,672	-	90 32	11 00	-	40 00	61 32	-
Wakefield,	8,304	6,189,075	11,761	20,566	1,005 64	200 00	187 43	407 35	600 00	229 88	-
WALTHAM,	20,876	18,051,576	22,916	62,845	1,600 00	1,720 00	40 00	1,200 19	1,456 70	632 59	-
Watertown,	7,788	8,756,863	22,950	33,033	2,700 00	510 42	572 27	1,012 55	1,622 26	1,017 24	-

Wayland,	2,026	1,514,725	12,204	5,706	300 00	90 00	66 00	90 00	300 00	427 00	1
Westford,	2,418	1,253,384	8,071	9,379	150 00	259 39	52 40	524 99	108 25	15 31	2
Weston,	1,710	2,897,410	9,360	8,019	687 26	335 77	248 67	548 82	400 00	287 26	-
Wilmington,	1,420	968,311	2,042	3,118	150 00	-	25 00	96 18	50 00	31 10	-
Winchester,	6,150	6,872,150	19,815	31,744	1,500 00	496 88	175 00	1,077 82	531 25	503 45	-
Woburn,	14,178	9,672,843	33,203	66,130	2,200 00	1,350 78	3,294 58	1,870 12	2,866 32	2,108 92	-
	499,217	\$450,011,987	617,164	1,461,518	\$82,735 39	\$28,422 75	\$24,677 58	\$40,586 69	\$51,550 45	\$43,845 40	43
NANTUCKET.											
Nantucket,*	3,016	\$3,006,436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORFOLK.											
Avon,	1,626	\$751,300	1,230	6,490	\$100 00	\$234 25	-	\$98 00	\$75 00	\$90 00	-
Bellingham, ²	1,481	711,792	464	1,445	100 00	-	\$6 00	50 00	10 00	25 00	2
Braintree,	5,311	4,188,150	10,427	21,792	800 00	-	436 28	265 86	500 00	304 11	1
Brookline,	16,164	59,002,600	41,955	83,222	12,000 00	-	276 43	2,690 41	5,548 96	3,447 08	1
Canton,	4,636	3,888,045	8,350	16,811	1,050 00	300 00	695 85	334 78	1,165 75	387 52	1
Cohasset,	2,474	4,160,493	5,361	7,631	700 00	-	44 47	134 45	438 50	146 14	-
Dedham,	7,211	9,776,827	13,477	27,092	2,250 00	-	1,424 10	799 57	1,585 05	85 05	1
Dover,	668	828,062	863	3,564	600 00	-	400 00	467 00	134 00	271 45	-
Foxborough,	3,219	1,730,777	4,400	15,758	450 00	-	25 00	-	320 00	67 15	-
Franklin,	5,136	2,845,545	5,477	12,644	500 00	-	600 00	409 36	400 00	266 42	-
Holbrook,	2,298	1,105,170	7,029	1,139	850 00	-	202 14	486 97	325 00	240 17	-
Hyde Park,	11,826	8,727,555	¹ 15,000	34,869	1,850 00	740 00	-	712 55	400 00	1,407 41	1
Medfield,	1,872	1,300,286	4,074	7,780	100 00	249 48	131 25	145 01	145 84	117 21	-
Medway,	2,913	1,389,583	1,677	10,133	-	414 29	39 80	283 01	45 20	125 67	-

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NORFOLK—Con.											
Mills,	1,006	\$831,965	2,280	13,500	\$100 00	\$155 36	\$151 30	\$184 87	\$98 60	\$26 70	-
Milton,	5,518	18,991,439	111,000	12,750	1,400 00	797 38	-	480 56	950 00	-	1
Needham,	3,511	2,806,654	3,970	13,441	300 00	531 24	32 83	542 91	154 30	152 05	1
Norfolk,	882	513,247	850	1,072	75 00	-	5 00	23 79	28 55	-	-
Norwood,	4,574	3,358,765	6,530	13,918	375 00	356 70	50 54	232 90	307 44	241 70	-
QUINCY,	20,712	17,325,855	17,500	73,442	4,270 00	1,100 00	-	1,172 76	2,470 00	1,672 69	4
Randolph,	3,694	1,903,800	12,749	18,378	-	-	1,632 09	443 49	750 00	349 50	-
Sharon,	1,717	1,568,377	4,127	9,074	-	332 95	82 00	229 74	100 00	89 48	-
Stoughton,	5,272	2,821,921	6,167	26,339	-	721 50	63 58	273 73	306 00	92 71	1
Walpole,	2,994	2,180,909	6,340	16,628	800 00	-	-	241 06	250 00	460 47	1
Wellesley,	4,229	6,966,454	8,824	15,041	-	500 00	-	-	-	-	-
Weymouth,	11,291	6,448,981	16,168	61,562	2,100 00	606 71	895 69	836 35	1,197 46	1,512 29	6
Wrentham,	2,584	1,477,926	2,100	12,450	500 00	-	43 66	26 37	266 40	242 01	2
	134,819	\$167,602,478	218,389	527,965	\$31,270 00	\$7,039 86	\$7,238 01	\$11,565 50	\$17,972 05	\$11,819 98	23
PLYMOUTH.											
Abington,	4,207	\$2,334,270	10,393	20,700	\$600 00	\$607 29	\$58 61	\$349 41	\$377 00	\$550 89	1
Bridgewater,	4,686	2,262,858	9,765	24,115	1,200 00	-	144 72	442 86	574 42	327 44	-
BROCKTON,	33,165	22,540,870	20,850	83,132	5,400 00	1,591 20	677 41	2,088 13	3,438 25	2,142 66	2
Carver,	1,016	793,549	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duxbury,	1,966	1,484,355	2,330	4,160	250 00	-	-	220 00	130 00	6 50	-

East Bridgewater,	2,894	1,450,933	2,450	10,833	450 00	-	109 33	117 84	216 75	220 40	-
Halifax,	497	269,459	1,500	1,649	15 00	-	3 57	18 48	50 00	40	-
Hanover,	2,051	1,196,630	2,968	6,716	500 00	-	17 99	29 93	137 40	505 99	-
Hanson,*	1,380	650,234	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hingham,	4,819	3,965,323	9,000	13,150	1,259 30	-	-	232 35	600 00	472 45	-
Nantasket Library,	-	-	1,044	1,575	250 00	-	30 20	100 98	46 52	42 75	-
Hull,	1,044	3,009,410	706	1,146	-	104 28	3 26	-	10 50	3 45	-
Kingston,	1,746	1,431,625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lakeville,*	870	494,974	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marion,	759	851,980	¹ 4,000	5,647	100 00	-	750 00	277 33	318 16	265 37	-
Marshfield, ⁶	1,760	1,258,025	2,450	-	50 00	-	-	-	75 00	25 00	6
Mattapoisett,	1,032	1,488,007	2,425	7,048	100 00	170 00	30 00	130 00	65 00	170 00	-
Middleborough,	6,689	3,822,086	6,284	22,986	-	813 40	134 58	469 18	310 95	85 45	-
Norwell,*	1,540	872,001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pembroke,	1,223	650,135	1,810	942	25 00	-	12 47	-	25 00	6 94	-
Plymouth,	7,957	6,659,200	10,877	30,333	¹ 300 00	900 00	581 44	408 64	520 00	815 52	-
Plympton,	549	309,212	819	1,946	90 00	25 00	9 43	59 92	50 00	3 00	-
Rochester,	1,021	510,394	1,985	2,156	100 00	-	46 45	66 20	55 00	25 25	-
Rockland,	5,523	2,984,019	8,800	29,350	600 00	869 38	40 00	527 45	615 40	338 90	-
Scituate,*	2,246	2,156,815	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wareham,	3,367	1,992,533	1,566	7,471	-	-	272 87	98 35	75 00	94 98	1
West Bridgewater,	1,747	996,115	4,246	4,436	251 26	417 44	12 15	130 96	104 36	28 06	-
Whitman,	5,744	3,610,141	9,054	36,111	1,500 00	-	674 02	948 27	606 15	621 10	-
	101,498	\$70,045,153	115,322	315,602	\$13,040 56	\$5,497 99	\$3,609 40	\$6,716 28	\$8,406 86	\$6,752 50	10
SUFFOLK.											
Boston,	496,920	\$951,867,928	610,375	832,113	\$155,000 00	-	\$12,391 21	\$31,958 23	\$94,139 34	\$47,851 07	22
Chelsea,	31,264	22,515,043	14,439	67,483	4,500 00	-	193 04	670 84	2,056 15	1,966 05	-

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SUFFOLK — Con.											
Revere,	7,423	\$7,342,500	4,563	19,675	\$800 00	-	\$44 00	\$315 59	\$285 00	\$194 21	3
Winthrop,	4,192	5,069,605	3,352	11,103	900 00	-	25 02	354 63	417 75	147 75	-
	539,799	\$986,295,076	632,729	930,374	\$161,200 00	-	\$12,653 27	\$33,299 29	\$96,898 24	\$50,159 08	25
WORCESTER.											
Ashburnham,	2,148	\$1,073,683	2,792	7,822	\$300 00	-	-	\$212 00	\$88 00	-	1
Athol,	7,364	3,863,655	4,567	6,963	1,000 00	-	-	675 00	152 00	\$175 00	-
Auburn,	1,598	560,516	2,135	1,079	52 00	-	\$100 00	100 00	52 00	-	-
Barre,	2,278	1,401,044	3,635	8,097	600 00	\$19 00	153 50	164 84	400 00	192 26	-
Berlin,	897	485,121	892	1,869	-	50 00	24 70	41 79	17 55	8 55	-
Blackstone,	6,039	2,633,226	5,314	8,446	-	450 69	21 62	129 38	258 95	130 22	2
Bolton,	797	477,184	2,715	2,221	-	160 00	70 40	120 00	50 00	60 40	-
Boylston,	729	524,311	3,553	3,312	159 84	72 62	595 62	156 72	63 50	9 50	-
Brookfield,	3,279	1,363,784	13,228	29,644	550 00	-	450 00	804 93	350 00	612 87	-
Charlton,	1,877	921,360	1,955	2,984	200 00	-	20 00	100 00	52 00	45 62	-
Clinton,	11,497	7,035,987	20,200	44,464	1,200 00	807 94	154 25	852 88	800 00	354 47	-
Dana,	717	295,424	485	1,071	100 00	-	2 50	35 04	50 00	3 75	1
Douglas,	2,096	1,034,742	2,805	8,729	-	273 41	301 26	-	80 00	132 05	-
Dudley,*	3,203	1,042,904	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FITCHBURG,	26,409	19,855,474	30,000	61,386	4,500 00	1,800 36	531 67	1,894 25	2,955 64	1,982 14	-

Gardner,	9,182	4,852,416	6,519	19,153	00 00	631 19	1,070 15	350 23	965 36	632 41	1
Grafton,	5,101	2,394,738	8,755	32,015	-	669 02	519 93	337 36	169 90	133 76	4
Hardwick,	2,655	1,477,805	¹ 1,500	¹ 1,500	50 00	-	95 00	105 00	40 00	-	-
Harvard,	1,162	920,958	3,800	4,839	200 00	-	150 76	149 00	100 00	109 78	-
Holden,	2,602	1,203,233	4,080	6,000	200 00	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hopedale,	1,377	1,946,449	4,889	8,813	900 00	155 57	30 05	380 22	359 50	471 97	-
Hubbardston,	1,274	655,977	5,624	5,167	-	214 92	176 87	239 26	150 00	411 16	-
Lancaster,	2,180	3,014,475	25,320	13,641	1,000 00	346 03	495 74	975 05	498 99	367 73	3
Leicester,	3,239	2,086,376	7,958	10,238	425 00	-	205 45	450 45	160 00	20 00	3
Leominster,	9,211	5,880,562	14,550	37,082	1,200 00	716 58	476 58	880 77	594 00	361 43	-
Lunenburg,	1,237	754,333	3,589	3,834	-	217 87	48 65	194 65	51 90	20 87	-
Mendon,	889	541,195	3,400	4,258	175 00	-	4 50	81 98	50 00	29 67	-
Milford,	8,959	5,324,633	9,207	27,807	600 00	306 52	79 11	336 34	390 00	259 09	-
Millbury,	5,222	2,297,727	7,848	15,726	582 59	-	619 52	1,058 74	200 00	230 21	-
New Braintree,	542	428,750	1,617	2,318	100 00	-	10 98	40 59	25 00	46 25	-
Northborough,	1,940	1,184,488	¹ 9,000	7,751	250 00	246 00	140 00	415 17	125 00	96 00	-
Northbridge,	5,286	2,758,240	5,379	13,117	450 00	-	86 82	222 62	150 00	139 72	-
North Brookfield,	4,635	1,750,030	5,040	18,691	1,600 00	-	256 29	¹ 220 00	¹ 700 00	¹ 700 00	-
Oakham,	605	323,598	778	1,605	50 00	-	3 00	-	50 00	-	-
Oxford,	2,390	1,249,395	5,274	10,823	-	470 34	32 81	256 66	117 50	128 99	-
Paxton,	426	288,872	1,543	1,175	-	40 00	2 55	-	25 00	6 35	-
Petersham,	952	642,598	7,800	5,000	100 00	70 00	354 11	474 11	100 00	-	-
Phillipston,	460	272,665	4,748	4,075	-	-	182 76	136 94	52 00	5 40	-
Princeton,	952	852,604	3,670	4,066	150 00	-	150 00	165 00	100 00	35 00	-
Royalston,	890	504,224	1,618	800	100 00	-	-	60 00	30 00	10 00	1
Rutland,	978	518,180	1,629	2,833	51 71	74 96	15 52	4 50	52 00	11 00	-
Shrewsbury,	1,524	971,816	3,837	5,757	-	311 04	9 94	62 00	85 00	129 02	-

* No free library.

¹ Estimated.

Statistics of the Free Public Libraries of Massachusetts, 1894-95—Concluded.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popu- lation, 1895.	Valuation, 1895.	Number of bound volumes.	Books circulated for home use.	Town appropria- tion for the library.	Amount of dog tax devoted to the library.	Income from other sources.	Expended for books and periodicals.	Paid for salaries and services.	Other expenses.	Number of branch libraries.
WORCESTER—Con.											
Southborough,	2,223	\$1,412,464	6,857	4,358	-	\$174 88	\$111 06	\$170 29	\$115 00	\$17 17	-
Southbridge,	8,250	3,558,457	15,502	21,920	\$1,500 00	494 64	77 94	620 51	898 88	456 10	-
Spencer,	7,614	3,934,376	9,342	28,661	1,200 00	542 17	-	373 08	701 36	666 90	-
Sterling,	1,218	877,324	18,000	5,962	50 00	-	222 67	227 34	106 00	50 25	-
Sturbridge,	1,910	924,545	3,950	5,335	200 00	251 64	12 64	241 68	194 00	12 25	1
Sutton,	3,420	1,294,572	3,700	6,350	215 00	-	-	130 67	30 00	54 33	2
Templeton,	2,915	1,327,784	4,633	14,037	150 00	-	367 71	340 84	150 00	6 82	3
Upton,	2,150	986,110	3,210	6,572	260 00	-	8 75	125 35	100 00	138 12	-
Uxbridge,	3,546	2,234,250	7,950	8,905	550 00	388 22	1,040 52	583 33	525 08	407 57	-
Warren,	4,430	2,737,031	8,800	20,124	600 00	382 88	277 41	702 52	355 33	342 93	1
Webster,	7,799	3,152,499	3,756	21,160	1,500 00	-	-	475 15	317 99	593 81	-
Westborough,	5,235	1,251,809	9,278	33,829	600 00	448 20	1,401 96	556 05	700 00	717 62	-
West Boylston,	2,968	772,439	4,646	7,455	-	-	196 64	161 09	87 00	173 08	-
West Brookfield,	1,467	2,727,444	6,672	7,800	200 00	205 74	750 00	166 27	340 10	671 12	-
Westminster,	1,315	656,102	13,200	15,000	50 00	251 10	10 12	188 04	72 45	34 42	-
Winchendon,	4,490	2,313,822	5,838	19,985	-	365 20	-	238 20	129 02	143 00	-
WORCESTER,	98,767	88,065,866	110,000	158,822	23,360 00	5,590 44	3,997 17	10,939 90	12,600 93	9,406 78	1
	306,445	\$205,891,646	460,582	833,046	\$47,781 14	\$17,199 17	\$16,117 20	\$29,123 78	\$28,133 03	\$21,954 91	26

THE STATE.												
BARNSTABLE,	27,654	\$22,252,019	48,726	66,884	\$989 61	\$893 83	\$3,096 99	\$2,224 50	\$1,492 20	\$922 04		11
BERKSHIRE,	86,292	49,168,442	95,614	236,137	11,765 06	1,051 80	5,389 37	5,832 13	6,261 17	5,772 83		4
BRISTOL,	219,019	165,812,518	199,205	420,909	20,065 83	6,508 49	13,838 52	12,559 25	17,102 03	9,527 63		1
DUKES,	4,238	4,024,662	4,052	7,673	190 00	30 85	150 00	36 09	184 00	110 06		2
ESSEX,	330,393	246,289,751	426,500	861,096	34,401 95	10,122 82	23,042 31	22,104 07	29,238 02	14,561 77		21
FRANKLIN,	40,145	21,879,390	61,752	119,509	3,949 35	709 08	1,662 13	3,544 33	1,364 40	1,247 44		10
HAMPDEN,	152,938	119,604,206	167,948	319,488	25,832 97	4,182 16	5,543 21	10,628 16	13,080 91	9,158 99		7
HAMPSHIRE,	54,710	30,465,229	91,654	166,860	4,173 68	854 11	6,232 14	3,596 50	3,796 79	1,588 35		3
MIDDLESEX,	499,217	450,011,987	617,164	1,461,518	82,735 39	28,422 75	24,677 58	40,586 09	51,550 45	43,845 40		43
NANTUCKET,*	3,016	3,006,436	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
NORFOLK,	134,819	167,602,478	218,389	527,965	31,270 00	7,039 86	7,238 01	11,565 50	17,972 05	11,819 98		23
PLYMOUTH,	101,498	70,045,153	115,322	315,602	13,040 56	5,497 99	3,609 40	6,716 28	8,400 86	6,752 50		10
SUFFOLK,	539,799	986,295,076	632,729	930,374	161,200 00	-	12,653 27	33,299 29	96,898 24	50,159 08		25
WORCESTER,	306,445	205,891,646	460,582	833,046	47,781 14	17,199 17	16,117 20	29,123 78	28,133 03	21,954 91		26
	2,500,183	\$2,542,348,993	3,139,637	6,267,061	\$437,395 54	\$82,512 91	\$123,250 13	\$181,816 57	\$275,474 15	\$177,420 98		186

* No free library.

¹ Estimated.

APPENDIX II.

FREE PUBLIC READING ROOMS

IN

MASSACHUSETTS,

1894-95.

FREE PUBLIC READING ROOMS IN MASSACHUSETTS, 1894-95.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Daily publications kept on file in the reading room.	Weekly.	Monthly, etc.	Total.	Days and hours open.
Abington,	-	8	13	21	M. T. Th. F., 6.30 to 8; W. Sat., 3.30 to 5.30.
Acton,	-	3	9	12	W. Sat., 2 to 8.30.
Adams,	8	18	8	34	M. T. W. Th. F., 6 to 9; Sat., 1 to 9.
Amesbury,	-	2	4	6	M. W. F., 2 to 5, 6 to 8; Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9.
(Amherst) <i>North Amherst</i> , . . .	-	2	4	6	W. Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9.
Andover,	6	18	32	56	M. T. Th. F. Sat., 8.30 to 12, 3 to 5.30, 7 to 9.
Arlington,	-	9	25	34	M. T. Th. F., 3 to 6, 7 to 9; W. Sat., 3 to 5.
Ashburnham,	-	2	9	11	W. Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9.
Ashfield,	-	1	5	6	T., 7 to 9; F., 2 to 9.
Ashland,	-	15	10	25	W. Sat., 3 to 4.30, 7 to 9.
Ayer,	-	7	12	19	T. Th., 2 to 6; Sat., 1 to 9.
(Barnstable) <i>Cotuit</i> ,	-	6	6	12	¹ Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 8; ² Sat. W., 3 to 6, 7 to 9.
(Barnstable) <i>Osterville</i> ,	2	6	6	14	T. W. Sat., 2 to 4.30; ³ daily, 7 to 9.
Barre,	1	17	14	32	³ Daily, ⁴ 2 to 5, 7 to 9; daily, ⁵ 2 to 6, 7 to 9
Becket,	-	4	-	4	T. F., 2 to 5, 7 to 9.

Bedford,	-	6	14	20	M., 7 to 9; W., 3 to 6, 7 to 9; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9.
Belchertown,	2	2	7	11	² Daily, ⁶ 2 to 5; T. Sat., 6.30 to 8.30; ⁷ T. Th., 12 to 1, 2 to 4.30, 7 to 9; Sat., 12 to 4, 6.30 to 8.30.
Belmont,	-	9	8	17	W. Sat., 3 to 8.30.
Beverly,	-	13	25	38	³ Daily, 2 to 5, 7 to 9.
Billerica,	-	2	11	13	W. Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9.
Blandford,	-	-	-	-	T. Sat., 2 to 5.
Boston, ⁸	245	169	991	1,405	³ Daily, 9 A.M. to 10 P.M.
Boylston,	-	5	15	20	Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9.
Bradford,	4	10	20	34	M. T. Th. F. Sat., 9 to 9.
Braintree,	-	2	10	12	³ Daily, 2 to 5; W. Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9.
Bridgewater,	-	13	14	27	T. W. Th. Sat., 3 to 8.30; F., 3 to 6.
Brockton, ⁹	36	110	116	262	³ Daily, ¹⁰ 10 to 10; ³ daily, ¹¹ 10 to 8.30.
Brookfield,	-	10	11	21	³ Daily, 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9.
Brookline,	6	35	65	106	³ Daily, 9 to 9.
Buckland,	3	35	58	96	³ Daily, 2 to 5.
Cambridge,	10	50	69	129	³ Daily, 10 to 9.
Canton,	-	3	18	21	T. Th., 3 to 6, 7 to 8.30; Sat., 3 to 6, 7.30 to 9.
Chatham,	1	9	12	22	³ Daily, 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9.

¹ Winter.⁷ November to April.² Summer.⁸ Open Sunday, 2 to 10.³ Except Sunday.⁴ October to May.⁹ Four reading rooms.⁵ May to October.¹⁰ Gentlemen's reading room.⁶ April to November.¹¹ Ladies' reading room.

Free Public Reading Rooms in Massachusetts, 1894-95 — Continued.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Daily publications kept on file in the reading room.	Weekly.	Monthly, etc.	Total.	Days and hours open.
Chelmsford,	—	12	15	27	M. F., 6.30 to 9; W. Sat., 3.30 to 9.
Chelsea, ¹	1	30	29	60	² Daily, 1 to 9.
Clinton,	—	21	18	39	M. W. F., 3 to 5; T. Th. Sat., 7 to 9.
Cohasset,	—	4	15	19	Afternoons and evenings.
Concord,	3	30	45	78	M. T. W. Th. F., 9 to 12, 2 to 6; Sat., 9 to 12, 2 to 6, 7 to 9.
Dalton,	—	6	7	13	M. W. Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9.
Danvers,	—	6	24	30	W. Sat., 2 to 8.
Dedham,	—	16	20	36	² Daily, 2 to 6, 7 to 9.
Dover,	—	3	7	10	W. Sat., 2.30 to 5.30, 7.30 to 9.30.
Dunstable,	—	—	3	3	W., 2 to 3 15; Sat., 7 to 8.15.
Duxbury, ¹	—	2	9	11	W. Sat., 7 to 9.
East Bridgewater,	—	—	5	5	M. W. Sat., 3 to 5, 6 to 8.
Easthampton,	—	7	8	15	W. F. Sat.
Easton,	5	16	31	52	² Daily, 2 to 6, 7 to 9.
Essex, ¹	—	4	7	11	W. Sat., 2 to 4.30, 7 to 9.
Everett,	—	14	28	42	² Daily, 10 to 9.

Fairhaven, ¹	.	.	.	.	.	10	39	34	83	Daily, 9 to 9.
Fall River, .	.	.	.	.	.	6	28	50	84	² Daily, 9 to 9.
Fitchburg, ^{1,3}	.	.	.	.	.	13	38	50	101	² Daily, 9 to 9.
Foxborough, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	2	7	9	Th. F., 1 to 5, 5.45 to 8; Sat., 1 to 8.
Framingham, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	19	27	46	M. W. Sat., 2.30 to 9; T. Th. F., 2.30 to 6.
Franklin, .	.	.	.	.	.	2	6	15	23	² Daily, 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9.
Freetown, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	-	-	-	M. T. W. Th. F., 1 to 7.45; Sat., 1 to 9.
Gardner, .	.	.	.	.	.	9	34	34	77	² Daily, 2 to 6, 7 to 9.
Grafton, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	-	-	35	W. Sat., 1 to 5, 6 to 9.
Great Barrington, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	10	9	19	W. Sat., 2.30 to 5; ² daily, 7 to 9.
Greenfield, ¹	.	.	.	.	.	6	14	31	51	² Daily, 3 to 9.
Groton, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	1	5	6	M., 9 to 12, 1.30 to 5.30; W., 1.30 to 5.30, 6 to 8; Sat., 9 to 12, 1.30 to 5.30, 6 to 8.
Hanover, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	-	4	4	W. Sat., 2.30 to 5.30, 6 to 8.
Hardwick, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	1	9	10	Sat., 2 to 4.30.
Harvard, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	3	12	15	W. Sat., 2 to 8.30.
Haverhill, .	.	.	.	.	.	16	48	47	111	² Daily, 9 to 9; holidays, 9 to 5.
Hingham, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	3	4	7	² Daily, 2 to 9.
(Hingham) Nantasket, .	.	.	.	.	.	-	6	4	10	W., 4 to 5.30; Sat., 4 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9.

¹ Open Sunday : Chelsea, 2 to 6; Duxbury, 2 to 5; Essex, 2 to 6; Fairhaven, 9 to 9; Fitchburg, 2 to 6; Greenfield, 2 to 6.² Except Sunday.³ Two reading rooms.

Free Public Reading Rooms in Massachusetts, 1894-95—Continued.

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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CITIES AND TOWNS.	Daily publications kept on file in the reading room.	Weekly.	Monthly, etc.	Total.	Days and hours open.
Holbrook,	3	16	30	49	¹ Daily, 9.30 to 10.30, 3.30 to 4.15, 7 to 9.
Holden,	—	4	10	14	T. Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9; Th., 7 to 9; F., 2 to 5.
Hopedale,	4	22	28	54	¹ Daily, 2 to 9.
Hopkinton,	1	4	9	14	W. Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9.
Hyde Park,	2	8	17	27	¹ Daily, 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9.
Ipswich,	—	—	40	40	¹ Daily, 9 to 12, 2 to 5.
Lancaster,	2	21	37	60	T. W. Th. F Sat., 2 to 5; M. W. Sat., 7 to 9.
Lanesborough,	—	1	6	7	Th., 3 to 8.
Lawrence,	11	33	54	98	¹ Daily, 9 to 9.
Leicester,	—	3	6	9	W. Sat., 6.30 to 9; W., 2 to 5.
Leominster,	11	11	43	65	¹ Daily, 8 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Lexington,	1	1	38	40	T. Th. Sat., 2 to 9; M. W. F., 2 to 6.
Lincoln,	—	6	16	22	W. Sat., 3 to 9.
Littleton,	—	7	11	18	W. Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9.
Lowell, ²	25	71	108	204	¹ Daily, 9 to 9.
Ludlow,	3	14	17	34	W. Sat., 2 to 6; ¹ daily, 7 to 9.

Lynn,	13	87	94	194	¹ Daily, 9 to 9.
Malden, ²	2	38	106	146	M., 10 to 6; Sat., 9 to 9; T. W. Th. F., 10 to 9.
Manchester,	-	1	4	5	T., 6 to 9; Sat., 9 to 9.
Mansfield,	-	1	4	5	T., 6 to 9; Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9.
Marblehead,	7	6	12	25	¹ Daily, 8 A.M. to 9.30 P.M.
Marion,	4	5	7	16	¹ Daily, 3 to 9.
Marlborough,	9	27	42	78	¹ Daily, 9 to 11, 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9.
Mattapoisett,	-	-	8	8	Sat., 2 to 4.30; M. Th. Sat., 7 to 9.
Medfield,	-	4	8	12	T., 6 to 9; Sat., 3 to 4, 6 to 8.
Medford,	1	15	35	51	¹ Daily, 10 to 9.
Melrose,	-	32	30	62	M. W. Sat., 3 to 9; T. Th. F., 3 to 6.
Methuen,	2	-	-	2	M. T. Th. Sat., 1.30 to 5.30, 7 to 8.30.
Middleborough,	-	1	22	23	¹ Daily, 2 to 8.
Middleton,	-	3	9	12	T., 7 to 9; Sat., 3 to 5, 6 to 8.
Millis,	-	1	9	10	W., 4 to 8; Sat., 4 to 9.
Milton,	-	10	14	24	¹ Daily, 3 to 6, 6.30 to 8; Sat., 8 to 11.
Monson,	6	11	16	33	¹ Daily, 9 to 12, 2 to 5, 6 to 8.30.
Nahant,	-	5	15	20	¹ Daily, ³ 10 to 1, 2 to 5; T. Th. Sat., 7 to 9; ¹ daily, ⁴ 2 to 5; W. Sat., 7 to 9.

¹ Except Sunday.² Open Sunday: Lowell, 9 to 12, 7 to 9; Malden, 1 to 9.³ June to October.⁴ October to June.

Free Public Reading Rooms in Massachusetts, 1894-95 — Continued.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Daily publications kept on file in the reading room.	Weekly.	Monthly, etc.	Total.	Days and hours open.
Natick,	6	10	23	39	¹ Daily, 8 to 12, 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9.
Needham,	-	8	22	30	W. Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9.
New Bedford, ²	21	61	103	185	¹ Daily, 9 to 9.
Newburyport,	24	44	55	123	¹ Daily, 9 to 1, 2 to 5, 7 to 9.
Newton,	24	39	69	132	¹ Daily, 8 A.M. to 9 P.M.
North Adams,	12	15	22	49	¹ Daily, 10 to 9.
North Andover,	8	11	8	27	¹ Daily, 7 to 9.
North Attleborough,	10	18	12	40	¹ Daily, 2 to 9.
North Brookfield,	10	40	16	66	¹ Daily, 9 to 9.
Northampton, ²	7	4	35	46	¹ Daily, 9 to 8.
(Northampton) Florence, ²	6	25	18	49	¹ Daily, 2 to 9.
Northborough,	-	4	16	20	W., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30; Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9.
Norton,	-	-	9	9	M., 7 to 9; W., 3 to 5, 7 to 8; Sat., 2 to 5, 7 to 9.
Norwood,	2	2	2	6	M. T. Th. F., 6 to 9; W. Sat., 1 to 9.
Oxford,	-	5	13	18	T. Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 8.30.

Palmer,	4	9	8	21	¹ Daily, 3 to 6, 7 to 9.
Peabody, ²	-	25	38	63	M. T. W. Th. F., 2 to 8; Sat., 2 to 9.
Pepperell,	-	2	6	8	T. Th., 6.30 to 9; Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9.
Petersham,	-	5	13	18	W., 3 to 5; Sat., 3 to 5, 6.30 to 8; ¹ , ² M., 3 to 5.
Pittsfield, ²	6	18	20	44	¹ Daily, 9 to 9.
Plymouth,	1	4	10	15	¹ Daily, 10 to 6, 7 to 9.
Princeton,	-	-	10	10	² T. Sat., 10 to 6.
Quincy,	2	14	33	49	¹ Daily, 1 to 8; Sat., 10 to 12, 1 to 9.
Randolph,	4	7	11	22	¹ Daily, 7 to 9; M. W. Sat., 3 to 5.30.
Raynham,	-	2	7	9	Sat., afternoon and evening.
Rochester,	-	-	8	8	⁴ Sat., 3 to 7; ⁵ Sat., 4 to 8.
Salem, ²	17	74	74	165	¹ Daily, 9 to 10.
Sandwich,	-	5	12	17	W., 2 to 5, 7 to 9; ⁶ M., 6.30 to 9.30.
Sharon,	-	1	3	4	T., 6 to 9; Sat., 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9.
Shirley,	-	-	7	7	Sat., 3 to 7.
Shrewsbury,	7	9	11	27	¹ Daily, 6 to 9.
Somerville,	3	21	47	71	M. T. Th. F., 9 to 6; W. Sat., 9 to 9.

¹ Except Sunday.² Open Sunday: New Bedford, 1 to 6; Northampton, 1 to 9; (Northampton) *Florence*, 2 to 7; Peabody, 1 to 6; Pittsfield, 2 to 6; Salem, 2 to 8.³ June to October.⁴ Winter.⁵ Summer.⁶ November 1 to April 1.

Free Public Reading Rooms in Massachusetts, 1894-95 — Continued.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Daily publications kept on file in the reading room.	Weekly.	Monthly, etc.	Total.	Days and hours open.
Southbridge,	8	24	34	66	¹ Daily, 10 to 12, 2 to 5, 6 to 9.
Southwick,	—	6	8	14	W., 7 to 8; Sat., 3 to 4, 7 to 8.
Spencer, ²	8	25	17	50	¹ Daily, 10 to 9.
Springfield, ²	27	103	178	308	¹ Daily, 9 to 9.
Sterling,	—	10	18	28	W. Sat., 1 to 5, 7 to 9.
Stockbridge,	—	14	22	36	¹ Daily, 2 to 6; W. Sat., 7 to 9.
Stoneham,	—	—	7	7	W. Sat., 2 to 5, 6 to 9.
Stoughton,	—	8	13	21	¹ Daily, 7 to 9; Sat., 3 to 5.30.
Stow,	—	—	3	3	W., 4 to 9; Sat., 2 to 9.
Sudbury,	—	10	21	31	W. Sat., 2 to 9.
Taunton,	12	34	63	109	¹ Daily, 9 to 9.
Tewksbury,	—	3	11	14	Sat., 2 to 4, 7 to 9.
Topsfield,	—	4	9	13	² W., 7 to 9; Sat., 2 to 4, 7 to 9.
Townsend,	—	3	5	8	M., 7 to 9; T., 4 to 6; Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9.
Uxbridge,	4	8	12	24	M. W., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 8; Sat., 2 to 5.30, 6.30 to 9.

Wakefield, ²	.	.	.	.	.	4	18	21	43	W. Sat., 2 to 5, ¹ daily, 7 to 9.
Waltham, .	.	.	.	.	.	7	31	49	87	¹ Daily, 1 to 9.
Ware, .	.	.	.	.	.	16	31	30	77	¹ Daily, 2 to 9.
Wareham, .	.	.	.	.	.	—	9	13	22	T. Sat., 2 to 9.
Warren, ²	.	.	.	.	.	8	27	11	46	¹ Daily, 2 to 6, 7 to 9.
Watertown, ⁴	.	.	.	.	.	11	34	77	122	¹ Daily, 2 to 9.
Wayland, .	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	—	3	Sat., 2 to 4, 6 to 8.
Webster, .	.	.	.	.	.	6	6	10	22	¹ Daily, 2 to 5, 7 to 9.
Wellesley, .	.	.	.	.	.	—	—	17	17	T. Th., 2 to 6; Sat., 2 to 6, 7 to 9.
Wendell, .	.	.	.	.	.	—	—	2	2	Sat., 4 to 7.30.
West Boylston, .	.	.	.	.	.	—	3	8	11	Sat., 1 to 5, 7 to 9.
West Brookfield, ²	.	.	.	.	.	3	14	7	24	¹ Daily, 1 to 9.
West Tisbury, .	.	.	.	.	.	—	2	3	5	T. Sat., 3 to 6, 7 to 9.
Westborough, .	.	.	.	.	.	2	9	24	35	¹ Daily, 1 to 8.30.
Westfield, .	.	.	.	.	.	7	7	22	36	¹ Daily, 10.30 to 1, 2 to 5.30, 7 to 9.
Weston, .	.	.	.	.	.	—	9	16	25	T. W. Th. Sat., 2 to 5, 6.30 to 9.
Weymouth, .	.	.	.	.	.	—	16	34	50	M. T. Th. F., 2 to 8; W. Sat., 2 to 9.

¹ Except Sunday.³ October to June.² Open Sunday: Spencer, 2 to 7; Springfield, 1 to 6; Wakefield, 12 to 6; Warren, 2 to 5; West Brookfield, 2 to 5.⁴ Two reading rooms.

Free Public Reading Rooms in Massachusetts, 1894-95 — Concluded.

CITIES AND TOWNS.	Daily publications kept on file in the reading room.	Weekly.	Monthly, etc.	Total.	Days and hours open.
Whitman,	-	6	15	21	¹ Daily, 2.30 to 9.
Wilmington,	-	-	4	4	W., 3 to 5.30, 6.30 to 7.30.
Winchendon,	3	10	10	23	¹ Daily, 7 to 9.
Winchester, ²	-	18	17	35	¹ Daily, 2 to 6, 7 to 9.
Winthrop,	-	7	16	23	W. Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 9.
Woburn,	-	17	38	55	M. T. Th, 9 to 12, 2 to 8; W. F., 9 to 12, 2 to 6; Sat., 9 to 12, 2 to 9.
Worcester, ^{2, 3}	47	139	266	452	¹ Daily, 8 A.M. to 9 P.M.; ¹ daily, 9 A.M. to 9.30 P.M.; ¹ daily, 8 A.M. to 9.30 P.M.
Worthington,	-	1	3	4	⁴ Sat., 3 to 5, 7 to 8; ⁵ Sat, 4 to 6, 7 to 8.
Total,	850	2,643	5,014	8,542	

¹ Except Sunday.

² Open Sunday: Winchester, 2 to 8; Worcester, 2 to 9.

³ Three reading rooms.

⁴ October to May.

⁵ May to October.

APPENDIX III.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

AND

NAMES OF LIBRARIANS.

NAMES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND NAMES OF LIBRARIANS.

TOWNS.	Name of library.	Name of librarian.
Abington, . . .	Abington Public Library, . . .	Mary O. Nash.
Acton, . . .	Acton Memorial Library, . . .	Mrs. Ida A. H. Tuttle.
Adams, . . .	Adams Free Public Library, . . .	Lucy C. Richmond.
Agawam, . . .	Agawam Public Library, . . .	C. S. L. Hayward.
Alford, . . .	Alford Free Town Library, . . .	Rachael E. Ploss.
Amesbury, . . .	Amesbury Public Library, . . .	Susan E. Woolfenden.
Amherst, . . .	Amherst Library,	Genevieve S. Cooley.
North Amherst, . . .	North Amherst Library,	Etta Haskins.
Andover, . . .	Memorial Hall Library,	Ballard Holt.
Ballardvale, . . .	Bradlee Library,	Howell F. Wilson.
Arlington, . . .	Robbins Library,	Elizabeth J. Newton.
Ashburnham, . . .	Ashburnham Public Library, . . .	Lona M. Davis.
Ashby, . . .	Ashby Town Library,	H. W. Burr.
Ashfield, . . .	Ashfield Library Association, . . .	Julia A. Williams.
Ashland, . . .	Ashland Public Library,	Ella F. Wiggins.
Athol, . . .	Athol Free Public Library,	Mrs. M. S. Doane.
Attleborough, . . .	Attleborough Public Library, . . .	Mrs. N. A. Blackinton.
Auburn, . . .	Auburn Free Public Library, . . .	Josie E. Prouty.
Avon, . . .	Avon Public Library,	Chas. N. Blanchard.
Ayer, . . .	Ayer Library,	Mabel H. Whitcomb.
Barnstable, . . .	Sturgis Library,	Elizabeth C. Nye.
Cotuit, . . .	Cotuit Library,	Adeline F. Bearse.
Osterville, . . .	Osterville Public Library,	Bertha Lovell.
Barre, . . .	Barre Town Library,	Mary E. Lane.
Becket, . . .	Becket Athenæum,	Mrs. Eliza Millard.
Bedford, . . .	Bedford Free Public Library, . . .	Charlotte M. Corey.
Belchertown, . . .	Clapp Memorial Library,	Lydia A. Barton.
Bellingham, . . .	Bellingham Free Public Library, . .	Sara T. Rockwood.

Names of Free Public Libraries, etc. — Continued.

TOWN.	Name of library.	Name of librarian.
Belmont, . . .	Belmont Public Library, . . .	Edward W. Brown.
Berkley, . . .	Berkley Town Library, . . .	Julia R. Burt.
Berlin, . . .	Berlin Free Public Library, . . .	Mary M. Babcock.
Bernardston, . . .	Cushman Library, . . .	David H. Strong.
Beverly, . . .	Beverly Public Library, . . .	Martha P. Smith.
Billerica, . . .	Bennett Public Library, . . .	Fannie S. Paige.
Blackstone, . . .	Blackstone Public Library, . . .	William A. Cole.
Blandford, . . .	Blandford Free Public Library, . . .	Lena B. Knox.
Bolton, . . .	Bolton Public Library, . . .	Fidelia C. Newton.
Boston, . . .	Public Library of the City of Boston,	Herbert Putnam.
Bourne, . . .	Bourne Free Library, . . .	Mrs. Nellie Avery.
Boxborough, . . .	Boxborough Free Public Library, . . .	Mabel B. Priest.
Boxford, . . .	Boxford Public Library, . . .	Gratuitous services of different ladies.
West Boxford, . . .	West Boxford Public Library, . . .	Nellie M. Spofford.
Boylston, . . .	Boylston Public Library, . . .	George L. Wright.
Bradford, . . .	Bradford Public Library, . . .	Kate E. Johnson.
Braintree, . . .	Thayer Public Library, . . .	Abbie M. Arnold.
Bridgewater, . . .	Bridgewater Public Library, . . .	Lucia L. Christian.
Brimfield, . . .	Brimfield Public Library, . . .	M. Anna Tarbell.
Brockton, . . .	Brockton Public Library, . . .	Myra F. Southworth.
Brookfield, . . .	Merrick Public Library, . . .	Eliza R. Hobbs.
Brookline, . . .	Public Library of Brookline, . . .	Charles K. Bolton.
Buckland, . . .	Buckland Public Church Library, . . .	A. C. Hodges.
Burlington, . . .	Burlington Town Library, . . .	Florence I. Foster.
Cambridge, . . .	Cambridge Public Library, . . .	William L. R. Gifford.
Canton, . . .	Canton Public Library, . . .	Jennie A. Hewett.
Carlisle, . . .	Carlisle Free Public Library, . . .	Thomas A. Green.
Carver, . . .	Carver Free Public Library, . . .	Albert T. Shurtleff.
Charlemont, . . .	Charlemont Free Town Library, . . .	Lizzie M. Temple.
Charlton, . . .	Charlton Free Public Library, . . .	J. Fremont Rich.
Chatham, . . .	Chatham Public Library, . . .	Phebe H. Lewis.
Chelmsford, . . .	Free Public Library of Chelmsford,	H. A. Cornell.
Chelsea, . . .	Fitz Public Library, . . .	Medora J. Simpson.

Names of Free Public Libraries, etc. — Continued.

TOWN.	Name of library.	Name of librarian.
Chester, . . .	Chester Public Library, . . .	Gertrude Burcham.
Chesterfield, . . .	Chesterfield Town Library, . . .	Clayton N. Rhoades.
Chicopee, . . .	Chicopee City Library, . . .	George V. Wheelock.
Chilmark, . . .	Chilmark Free Public Library, . . .	Florence B. Mayhew.
Clinton, . . .	Bigelow Free Public Library, . . .	Charlotte L. Greene.
Cohasset, . . .	Cohasset Free Public Library, . . .	Sarah B. Collier.
Colrain, . . .	Colrain Free Library, . . .	Katherine H. Cram.
Concord, . . .	Concord Free Public Library, . . .	Ellen F. Whitney.
Conway, . . .	Conway Town Library, . . .	Henry W. Billings.
Cottage City, . . .	Cottage City Free Public Library, . . .	Abbie M. Vedder.
Cummington, . . .	Bryant Free Library, . . .	L. H. Tower.
Dalton, . . .	Dalton Free Public Library, . . .	Carlotta Bicknell.
Dana, . . .	Dana Free Public Library, . . .	Nellie L. Whipple.
Danvers, . . .	Peabody Institute Library, . . .	Emilie K. Davis.
Dartmouth, . . .	Dartmouth Free Public Library, . . .	Thomas J. Barry.
Dedham, . . .	Dedham Public Library, . . .	Frances M. Mann.
Deerfield, . . .	South Deerfield Free Public Library, . . .	David Fay.
<i>Pocumtuck Valley Association.</i>	Library of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association.	George Sheldon.
Dighton, . . .	Dighton Free Public Library, . . .	Addie W. French.
Douglas, . . .	Douglas Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. A. L. Buffington.
Dover, . . .	Dover Town Library, . . .	Amy C. Jones.
Dunstable, . . .	Dunstable Free Public Library, . . .	Lizzie A. Swallow.
Duxbury, . . .	Duxbury Free Library, . . .	W. W. Wood.
East Bridgewater, . . .	East Bridgewater Public Library, . . .	Lucy L. Siddall.
Eastham, . . .	Eastham Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Herbert Clark.
Easthampton, . . .	Public Library Association, . . .	Dorcas C. Miller.
Easton, . . .	Ames Free Library, . . .	Mary L. Lamprey.
Edgartown, . . .	Edgartown Free Public Library, . . .	Eunice C. Ripley.
Egremont, . . .	Egremont Free Library, . . .	C. O'Neil.
Enfield, . . .	Enfield Library Association, . . .	Ada L. Harwood.
Erving, . . .	Erving Town Library, . . .	P. L. Rankin.
Essex, . . .	T. O. H. P. Burnham Public Library, . . .	J. Hortense Woodman.
Everett, . . .	Everett Public Library, . . .	Priscilla F. Hagar.

Names of Free Public Libraries, etc. — Continued.

Town.	Name of library.	Name of librarian.
Fairhaven, . .	The Millicent Library, . . .	D. C. Stevens.
Fall River, . .	Fall River Public Library, . . .	William R. Ballard.
Falmouth, . .	Falmouth Free Public Library, . .	Clara L. Davis.
Fitchburg, . .	Fitchburg Public Library, . . .	Prescott C. Rice.
Florida, . . .	Florida Free Library,	L. F. Whitcomb.
Foxborough, . .	Boyden Library,	Mary D. Torrey.
Framingham, . .	Framingham Town Library, . . .	Emma L. Clarke.
Franklin, . . .	Franklin Library Association, . .	Mrs. Ella G. Campbell.
Freetown, . . .	Freetown Public Library, . . .	C. I. Hatheway.
Gardner, . . .	Levi Heywood Memorial Library, .	Nelly S. Osgood.
Georgetown, . .	Georgetown Peabody Library, . .	Mrs. Sarah A. Holt.
Gill,	Gill Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Henry Purple.
Gloucester, . .	Sawyer Free Library,	- -
Goshen,	Goshen Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. E. A. Godfrey
Gosnold,	Free Public Library of Gosnold, .	Bertha S. Stetson.
Grafton,	Grafton Free Public Library, . . .	Hattie S. Mann.
Granby,	Granby Public Library,	George L. Murray.
Granville, . . .	Granville Free Public Library, . .	George A. Beckwith.
Great Barrington, .	Great Barrington Free Library, . .	Harriet L. Sheldon.
Greenfield, . . .	Greenfield Free Library,	Emma W. Tyler.
Greenwich, . . .	Greenwich Public Library, . . .	Fannie P. Walker.
Groton,	Groton Free Public Library, . . .	Emma F. Blood.
Groveland, . . .	Groveland Public Library, . . .	Mrs. M. A. C. Campbell.
Halifax,	Holmes Public Library,	James T. Thomas.
Hamilton,	Hamilton Public Library,	A. L. Devens.
Hampden,	Hampden Public Library,	Mrs. J. Q. Adams.
Hancock,	Hancock Public Library,	Daniel Shepardson.
Hanover,	Hanover Free Library,	Emily E. Sylvester.
Hardwick,	Hardwick Free Town Library, . . .	Hannah Spooner.
Harvard,	Harvard Public Library,	Emma Willard.
Harwich,	Brooks Free Library,	Phosa C. Tobey.
Hatfield,	Hatfield Public Library,	John H. Sanderson.
Haverhill, . . .	Haverhill Public Library,	Edward Capen.

Names of Free Public Libraries, etc. — Continued.

Towns.	Name of library.	Name of librarian.
Hawley, . . .	Hawley Free Library, . . .	Florence S. Bissell.
Heath, . . .	Heath Free Public Library, . . .	H. Kirk Smith.
Hingham, . . .	Hingham Public Library, . . .	Hawkes Fearing.
Nantasket, . . .	Nantasket Public Library, . . .	Carrie T. Richardson.
Hinsdale, . . .	Hinsdale Public Library, . . .	P. R. Birmingham.
Holbrook, . . .	Holbrook Public Library, . . .	Zenas A. French.
Holden, . . .	Gale Free Library, . . .	Mrs. Addie M. Holden.
Holland, . . .	Holland Public Library, . . .	William F. Bissell.
Holliston, . . .	Holliston Public Library, . . .	Josephine Rockwood.
Holyoke, . . .	Holyoke Public Library, . . .	Sarah E. Ely.
Hopedale, . . .	Hopedale Free Public Library, . . .	F. H. French.
Hopkinton, . . .	Hopkinton Public Library, . . .	C. Isabelle Baker.
Hubbardston, . . .	Hubbardston Public Library, . . .	Clara E. Marean.
Hudson, . . .	Hudson Public Library, . . .	Grace M. Whittemore.
Hull, . . .	Hull School Library, . . .	- -
Huntington, . . .	Huntington Free Public Library, . . .	James F. Geoan.
Hyde Park, . . .	Hyde Park Public Library, . . .	Mrs. H. A. B. Thompson.
Ipswich, . . .	Ipswich Free Public Library, . . .	Lydia A. Caldwell.
Kingston, . . .	Lend a Hand Club, . . .	Helen Holmes.
Lancaster, . . .	Lancaster Town Library, . . .	Ella S. Wood.
Lanesborough, . . .	Lanesborough Town Library, . . .	Charles J. Palmer.
Lawrence, . . .	Lawrence Free Public Library, . . .	Frederic H. Hedge.
Lee, . . .	Lee Public Library, . . .	Georgia B. Potter.
Leicester, . . .	Leicester Public Library, . . .	Eldora E. Loring.
Lenox, . . .	Lenox Library Association, . . .	Mary G. Tanner.
Leominster, . . .	Leominster Public Library, . . .	James M. Bronson.
Leverett, . . .	Leverett Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. C. F. Frary.
Lexington, . . .	Cary Library, . . .	Florence Whitcher.
Leyden, . . .	Leyden Free Public Library, . . .	Annie V. Miner.
Lincoln, . . .	Lincoln Public Library, . . .	Hulda A. Howes.
Littleton, . . .	Reuben Hoar Library, . . .	S. F. White.
Longmeadow, . . .	- -	- -
Lowell, . . .	City Library of Lowell, . . .	Frederick A. Chase.

Names of Free Public Libraries, etc. — Continued.

Town.	Name of library.	Name of librarian.
Ludlow, . . .	Hubbard Memorial Library, . . .	Mabel R. Gove.
Lunenburg, . . .	Lunenburg Public Library, . . .	L. Frances Jones.
Lynn, . . .	Lynn Free Public Library, . . .	John C. Houghton.
Lynnfield, . . .	Lynnfield Public Library, . . .	Elizabeth W. Green.
Malden, . . .	Malden Public Library, . . .	Lizzie A. Williams.
Manchester, . . .	Manchester Public Library, . . .	D. L. Bingham.
Mansfield, . . .	Mansfield Public Library, . . .	Grace M. Cobb.
Marblehead, . . .	Abbot Public Library, . . .	Mary G. Brown.
Marion, . . .	Tabor Library, . . .	Mary Allen.
Marlborough, . . .	Marlborough Public Library, . . .	Sarah E. Cotting.
Marshfield, . . .	Marshfield Free Library, . . .	Rosa M. Sprague.
Mashpee, . . .	Mashpee Public Library, . . .	Darius Coombs.
Mattapoisett, . . .	Mattapoisett Free Public Library, . . .	Temporarily supplied.
Maynard, . . .	Maynard Public Library, . . .	Sarah F. Nyman.
Medfield, . . .	Medfield Public Library, . . .	Lucretia Johnson.
Medford, . . .	Medford Public Library, . . .	Mary E. Sargent.
Medway, . . .	Medway Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Anna Fales.
Melrose, . . .	Melrose Public Library, . . .	Carrie M. Worthen.
Mendon, . . .	Taft Public Library, . . .	Sara F. Towne.
Merrimac, . . .	Merrimac Public Library, . . .	Louise C. Brackett.
Methuen, . . .	Nevins Memorial Library, . . .	Jane B. Crocker.
Middleborough, . . .	Middleborough Public Library, . . .	Adelaide K. L. Thatcher.
Middlefield, . . .	Middlefield Public Library, . . .	Lucy S. Newton.
Middleton, . . .	Flint Public Library, . . .	Samuel Fletcher.
Milford, . . .	Milford Town Library, . . .	Nathaniel Blake.
Millbury, . . .	Millbury Town Library, . . .	Henry T. Maxwell.
Millis, . . .	Millis Free Public Library, . . .	Bessie F. Clark.
Milton, . . .	Milton Public Library, . . .	E. K. Chapman.
Monroe, . . .	Monroe Free Public Library, . . .	F. W. Whitcomb.
Monson, . . .	Monson Free Library and Reading Room Association.	Nellie F. Squier.
Montague, . . .	Montague Public Library, . . .	Kate A. Armstrong.
Monterey, . . .	Monterey Free Library, . . .	Jessie A. Townsend.
Montgomery, . . .	- . . . -	- . . . -

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Towns.	Name of library.	Name of librarian.
Mount Washington,	Mount Washington Public Library,	Howard Lamson.
Nahant, . . .	Nahant Public Library, . . .	Caroline Johnson.
Natick, . . .	Morse Institute Library, . . .	Nellie L. Fox.
Natick, . . .	Bacon Free Library, . . .	Adelaide Williams.
Needham, . .	Needham Free Public Library, .	Riella J. Dunn.
New Ashford, .	New Ashford Public Library, .	Charles S. Baker.
New Bedford, .	Free Public Library of the City of New Bedford.	R. C. Ingraham.
New Braintree, .	New Braintree Public Library, .	Julia F. Wilcox.
New Salem, . .	New Salem Public Library, . .	Venice Marshall.
Newburyport, .	Newburyport Public Library, . .	John D. Parsons.
Newton, . . .	Newton Free Library, . . .	Elizabeth Thurston.
Norfolk, . . .	Norfolk Public Library, . . .	Walter L. Sykes.
North Adams, .	North Adams Free Public Library,	C. A. Dunton.
North Andover, .	North Andover Public Library, .	Hannah Quealy.
North Attleborough,	Richards Memorial Library, . .	Irene W. Day.
North Brookfield, .	North Brookfield Free Public Li- brary and Reading-room.	Mrs. E. E. Ludden.
North Reading, .	Flint Memorial Library, . . .	Sarah H. Whitcomb.
Northampton, .	Northampton Public Library, . .	Caroline S. Laidley.
Florence, . . .	Lilly Free Library, . . .	Mary A. Fuller.
Northborough, .	Northborough Free Library, . .	Mrs. S. E. Emery.
Northbridge, . .	Whitinsville Social Library, . .	Mrs. W. H. Fuller.
Northfield, . . .	Northfield Public Library, . . .	Mrs. F. J. Stockbridge.
Norton, . . .	Norton Public Library, . . .	Emily A. Titus.
Norwood, . . .	Norwood Public Library, . . .	Faustina Thompson.
Oakham, . . .	Oakham Free Public Library, . .	F. E. Davis.
Orange, . . .	Orange Free Public Library, . .	Mrs. W. M. Pomeroy.
Orleans, . . .	The Snow Library, . . .	Hiram Myers.
Otis, . . .	Free Public Library of Otis, . .	Mrs. E. Davison.
Oxford, . . .	Oxford Free Public Library, . .	Eva C. Tufts.
Palmer, . . .	Young Men's Library Association, .	Charles B. Fiske.
Paxton, . . .	Paxton Free Public Library, . .	Herbert S. Robinson.
Peabody, . . .	Peabody Institute Library, . . .	J. Warren Upton.
Peabody, . . .	Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library,	Augusta F. Daniels.

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TOWN.	Name of library.	Name of librarian.
Pelham, . . .	Pelham Free Public Library, . . .	Mary A. Keith.
Pembroke, . . .	Pembroke Free Library, . . .	Ellen F. Cox.
Pepperell, . . .	Pepperell Public Library, . . .	Mrs. M. Fannie Shat- tuck.
Peru, . . .	Free Public Library of Peru, . . .	Charles S. French.
Petersham, . . .	Petersham Memorial Library, . . .	Mrs. Emmerson God- dard.
Phillipston, . . .	Phillips Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. T. H. Chaffin.
Pittsfield, . . .	Berkshire Athenæum, . . .	H. H. Ballard.
Plainfield, . . .	Plainfield Public Library, . . .	Julia F. Sears.
Plymouth, . . .	Plymouth Public Library, . . .	Nellie Thomas.
Plympton, . . .	Plympton Free Public Library, . . .	John Sherman.
Prescott, . . .	Prescott Free Public Library, . . .	Henry L. Berry.
Princeton, . . .	Princeton Public Library, . . .	Susie A. Davis.
Provincetown, . . .	Provincetown Public Library, . . .	Hattie M. Dyer.
Quincy, . . .	Thomas Crane Public Library, . . .	Amelia L. Bumpus.
Randolph, . . .	Turner Free Library, . . .	Charles C. Farnham.
Raynham, . . .	Raynham Free Library, . . .	Edith Thompson.
Reading, . . .	Reading Public Library, . . .	Lizzie S. Cox.
Rehoboth, . . .	The Blanding Library, . . .	William H. Marvel.
Revere, . . .	Revere Public Library, . . .	Hattie T. Fenno.
Richmond, . . .	Free Public Library of Richmond, . . .	T. C. Luce.
Rochester, . . .	Free Public Library, . . .	Sarah A. Haskell.
Rockland, . . .	Rockland Public Library, . . .	Amelia Pool.
Rockport, . . .	Rockport Public Library, . . .	Elsie M. Dann.
Rowe, . . .	Rowe Town Library, . . .	Mrs F. W. Newell.
Rowley, . . .	Rowley Free Public Library, . . .	Catharine N. Mighill.
Royalston, . . .	Raymond Public Library, . . .	Lizzie W. Chase.
Russell, . . .	Russell Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs A. W. Goodrich.
Rutland, . . .	Rutland Free Public Library, . . .	Mrs. L. H. Foster.
Salem, . . .	Salem Public Library, . . .	Gardner M. Jones.
Salisbury, . . .	Salisbury Free Public Library, . . .	F. A. Chapin.
Sandisfield, . . .	Sandisfield Free Public Library, . . .	Ella E. Merrill.
Sandwich, . . .	Sandwich Free Public Library, . . .	Della R. Baker.
Saugus, . . .	Saugus Free Public Library, . . .	Emma E. Newhall.

Names of Free Public Libraries, etc. — Continued.

Town.	Name of library.	Name of librarian.
Savoy, . . .	Savoy Free Public Library, . . .	- -
Sharon, . . .	Sharon Public Library, . . .	Emma A. Baker.
Sheffield, . . .	Sheffield Free Town Library, . . .	J. M. Dewey.
Shelburne, . . .	Shelburne Free Public Library, . . .	Mercy A. Anderson.
Sherborn, . . .	Sherborn Town Library, . . .	M. N. Clark.
Shirley, . . .	Shirley Public Library, . . .	Trustees.
Shrewsbury, . . .	Shrewsbury Free Public Library, . . .	Mabel E. Knowlton.
Shutesbury, . . .	Shutesbury Free Public Library, . . .	Mary L. Clark.
Somerville, . . .	Somerville Public Library, . . .	John S. Hayes.
Southampton, . . .	Southampton Library Association, . . .	Julia B. Strong.
Southborough, . . .	Fay Library, . . .	Francena E. Buck.
Southbridge, . . .	Southbridge Public Library, . . .	Harriet H. Stanley.
Southwick, . . .	Free Public Library of Southwick, . . .	Mrs. Frank Struthers.
Spencer, . . .	Richard Sugden Public Library, . . .	N. A. Cutter.
Springfield, . . .	City Library Association of Springfield.	William Rice.
Sterling, . . .	Sterling Free Public Library, . . .	Mary D. Peck.
Stockbridge, . . .	The Stockbridge Library Association, . . .	Caroline P. Wells.
Stoneham, . . .	Stoneham Free Public Library, . . .	M. H. Royce.
Stoughton, . . .	Stoughton Public Library, . . .	Mattie S. Hussey.
Stow, . . .	Randall Public Library, . . .	S. M. Lawrence.
Sturbridge, . . .	Sturbridge Public Library, . . .	Mrs. F. A. Whittemore.
Sudbury, . . .	The Goodnow Library, . . .	Miss S. Cutter.
Sunderland, . . .	Sunderland Public Library, . . .	Abbie T. Montague.
Sutton, . . .	Sutton Free Library, . . .	Sarah M. Mills.
Swampscott, . . .	Swampscott Public Library, . . .	S. Louise Honors.
Taunton, . . .	Taunton Public Library, . . .	Joshua E. Crane.
Templeton, . . .	Boynton Public Library, . . .	H. F. Lane.
Tewksbury, . . .	Tewksbury Public Library, . . .	Amy F. Coggin.
Tisbury, . . .	Library Association, . . .	- -
Tolland, . . .	Tolland Free Library, . . .	Wilbert Mann.
Topsfield, . . .	Topsfield Town Library, . . .	Susan C. Haven.
Townsend, . . .	Townsend Public Library, . . .	Frances J. Worcester.
Truro, . . .	Truro Town Library, . . .	Mrs. Solomon Ryder.

Names of Free Public Libraries, etc. — Continued.

Town.	Name of library.	Name of librarian.
Tyngsborough, .	Tyngsborough Public Library, .	Ellen Lydia Perham.
Tyringham, . .	Tyringham Free Public Library, .	Lura Tinker.
Upton, . . .	Upton Town Library, . . .	Mrs. L. C. Sadler.
Uxbridge, . .	Thayer Memorial Library, . .	Nettie B. Crocker.
Wakefield, . .	Beebe Town Library, . . .	Mrs. H. A. Shepard.
Walpole, . .	Walpole Public Library, . . .	Nettie S. Gough.
Waltham, . .	Waltham Public Library, . . .	Mrs. M. E. Bill.
Ware, . . .	Young Men's Library Association, .	H. B. Hayden.
Wareham, . .	Wareham Free Library, . . .	Fanny R. Sawyer.
Warren, . . .	Warren Public Library, . . .	Dr. J. W. Hastings.
Warwick, . .	Warwick Free Library, . . .	Clara A. Jones.
Watertown, . .	Free Public Library of Watertown,	Solon F. Whitney.
Wayland, . .	Wayland Free Public Library, .	Sarah E. Heard.
Webster, . . .	Webster Public Library, . . .	Mrs. Phoebe Kings- bury.
Wellesley, . .	Wellesley Free Library, . . .	Julia F. Jennings.
Wellfleet, . .	Free Public Library of Wellfleet, .	Cora M. Higgins.
Wendell, . . .	Wendell Free Library, . . .	Julia Kavana.
Wenham, . . .	Wenham Public Library, . . .	Henry A. Moulton.
West Boylston, .	West Boylston Public Library, .	Mrs. E. M. Jewell.
West Bridgewater, .	West Bridgewater Public Library, .	- -
West Brookfield, .	Merriam Public Library, . . .	Charlotte E. Wilbur.
West Newbury, .	West Newbury Public Library, .	Caroline Carr.
West Springfield, .	West Springfield Public Library, .	- -
West Stockbridge, .	West Stockbridge Free Library, .	Mrs. Julian Williams.
West Tisbury, .	West Tisbury Free Public Library,	Cyrus Manter.
Westborough, .	Westborough Public Library, . .	- -
Westfield, . .	Westfield Athenæum, . . .	Mary H. Bisbee.
Westford, . .	Westford Public Library, . . .	Carrie E. Reed.
Westhampton, .	Reunion Library of Westhampton,	George E. Knight.
Westminster, . .	Westminster Town Library, . . .	Mrs. S. C. Warner.
Weston, . . .	Weston Town Library, . . .	Elizabeth S. White.
Westport, . .	Westport Free Public Library, .	Mary E. Taylor.
Weymouth, . .	The Tufts Library, . . .	Caroline Blanchard.

Names of Free Public Libraries, etc. — Concluded.

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Whately, . .	Whately Public Library, . .	Mary R. Gould.
Whitman, . .	Whitman Public Library, . .	Miss E. S. Spilsted.
Wilbraham, . .	Free Public Library, . .	Eunice E. Bell.
Williamstown, . .	Williamstown Public Library, . .	Lucy F. Curtis.
Blackinton, . .	Blackinton Free Library, . .	O. A. Archer.
South Williamstown.	South Williamstown Public Library,	Alice E. Sabin.
Wilmington, . .	Wilmington Public Library, . .	Mrs. F. A. Morse.
Winchendon, . .	Winchendon Public Library, . .	Mrs. M. L. Manzer.
Winchester, . .	Winchester Public Library, . .	Cora A. Quimby.
Windsor, . .	Windsor Free Public Library, . .	J. W. Nichols, Darius Bird, Mrs. Joel Shaw.
Winthrop, . .	Winthrop Public Library, . .	Flora E. Pomroy.
Woburn, . .	Woburn Public Library, . .	William R. Cutter.
Worcester, . .	Free Public Library of the City of Worcester.	Samuel S. Green.
Worthington, . .	Worthington Free Library, . .	Katharine M. Rice.
Wrentham, . .	Wrentham Public Library, . .	Mary A. Smith.
Yarmouth, . .	Yarmouth Library Association, . .	Mrs. G. P. Matthews.

APPENDIX IV.

A ROLL OF HONOR.

LIST OF DONORS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

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A ROLL OF HONOR

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DONORS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Acton,	Gift of Hon. William A. Wilde of Malden.
Andover,	Gift of citizens.
Arlington,	Gift of Mrs. Maria C. Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ashburnham,	Gift of Mr. George F. Stevens.
Ayer,	Gift of Mr. Frederick F. Ayer of New York.
Barnstable,	Gift of Hon. William Sturgis.
Barre,	Gift of Mr. Henry Woods of Boston.
Becket,	Gift of Miss Blanche Perkins.
Belchertown,	Gift of John Francis Clapp.
Bernardston,	Gift of Hon. Henry W. Cushman.
Billerica,	Gift of Mrs. Joshua Bennett.
Blandford,	Gift of Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter of Hartford, Conn.
Boxford,	Purchased by subscription.
Braintree,	Gift of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer.
Brookfield,	Gift of William A. Banister.
Buckland,	Gift of citizens.
Cambridge,	Gift of Frederick H. Rindge.
Carlisle,	Mrs. Joanna Gleason of Sudbury.
Charlemont,	Gift of E. R. Goodnow and others.
Chelmsford,	Gift of Amos F. Adams.
Chelsea,	Gift of Hon. Eustace C. Fitz.
Concord,	Gift of William Munroe.
Cummingtown,	Gift of William Cullen Bryant.
Dalton,	Gift of the Crane family.
Dedham,	Built by bequests and gifts of citizens.
Duxbury,	Gift of Mrs. George W. Wright.
Easthampton,	Gift of Mrs. Emily G. Williston.
Easton,	Gift of Hon. Oliver Ames and Mrs. Sarah L. Ames.
Essex,	Bequest of T. O. H. P. Burnham.
Everett,	Memorial of F. E. Parlin by his parents.
Fairhaven,	Gift of Mr. Henry H. Rogers.
Fitchburg,	Gift of Hon. Rodney Wallace.
Freetown,	Gift of Mrs. E. Florence Hathaway Crowell.
Gardner,	Gift of children of Levi Heywood.
Georgetown,	Gift of George Peabody.
Gloucester,	Gift of Samuel E. Sawyer.

Donors of Public Library Buildings in Massachusetts — Continued.

Groton,	Partly the gift of Mrs. Charlotte Sibley.
Hatfield,	Bequest of Samuel H. Dickinson.
Harvard,	Mainly the gift of natives of the town.
Haverhill,	Gift of Hon. E. J. M. Hale and other citizens.
Hingham,	Gift of Hon. Albert Fearing.
Hinsdale,	Gift of citizens.
Holden,	Hon. S. C. Gale of Minneapolis.
Hopkinton,	Gift of natives and residents of the town.
Hubbardston,	Gift of Jonas G. Clark.
Ipswich,	Gift of Capt. Augustine Heard.
Lancaster,	Mainly the gift of Nathaniel Thayer and other citizens.
Lawrence,	Gift of Mrs. N. G. White and Miss E. A. White.
Leicester,	Gift of Lory S. Watson, Dr. Pliny Earle, D. Merriam and others.
Lincoln,	Gift of George G. Tarbell.
Littleton,	Gift of heirs of William S. Houghton.
Ludlow,	Gift of heirs of Charles T. Hubbard.
Malden,	Gift of Hon. Elisha S. Converse and his wife.
Manchester,	Gift of T. Jefferson Coolidge.
Marion,	Gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Tabor of New Bedford.
Marshfield,	Bequest of Seth Ventress.
Medford,	Gift of Mr. Thatcher Magoun.
Methuen,	Gift of heirs of David Nevins.
Middleton,	Bequest of Hon. Charles L. Flint.
Monson,	Gift of heirs of Horatio Lyon.
Natick,	Bequest of Miss Mary Ann Morse.
<i>South Natick,</i>	Bequest of Oliver Bacon.
Newburyport,	Gift of citizens.
Newton,	Gift of Hon. J. Wiley Edmunds and other citizens.
Northampton,	Built partly by subscriptions.
<i>Florence,</i>	Gift of Alfred T. Lilly.
North Attleborough,	Gift of heirs of Edmund I. and Lucy M. Richards.
North Brookfield,	Mainly the gift of Mr. Erasmus Haston.
North Reading,	Gift of Mrs. Charles L. Flint.
Northborough,	Gift of Mr. Cyrus Gale.
Norton,	Gift of Mrs. Eliza B. Wheaton.
Orleans,	Built partly by subscriptions.
Palmer,	Built by an association.
Peabody,	Gift of George Peabody.
Petersham,	Built mainly by subscriptions.
Pittsfield,	Gift of Hon. Thomas Allen.
Princeton,	Gift of Edward A. Goodnow.
Provincetown,	Gift of Hon. Nathan Freeman.
Quincy,	Gift of heirs of Thomas Crane.
Randolph,	Gift of heirs of Col. Royal Turner.

Donors of Public Library Buildings in Massachusetts — Concluded.

Rehoboth,	Gift of Darius Goff of Pawtucket, R. I.
Rochester,	Partly the gift of Mrs. E. G. Leonard.
Salem,	Gift of estate of Capt. John Bertram.
Shirley,	Bequest of Mrs. Betsey D. Hazen.
Southbridge,	Gift of Holmes Ammidown of New York.
Spencer,	Gift of Richard Sugden.
Springfield,	Built by the City Library Association.
Sterling,	Gift of Edward Conant.
Stockbridge,	Gift of Hon. John Z. Goodrich.
Stow,	Gift of Miss Belinda L. Randall.
Sudbury,	Bequest of John Goodnow.
Uxbridge,	Gift of Hon. Edward C. Thayer of Keene, N. H.
Ware,	Gift of Hon. William Hyde.
Warren,	Built by subscriptions.
Watertown,	Built partly by subscriptions.
Wellesley,	Gift of Mr. H. H. Hunnewell.
West Brookfield,	Gift of Charles Merriam.
Westfield,	Gift of Mr. Hiram Harrison.
Westford,	Gift of J. Varnum Fletcher.
Weymouth,	Gift of Quincy Tufts and his sister, Miss Susan Tufts.
Woburn,	Bequest of Charles Bowers Winn.
Yarmouth,	Gift of Mr. Nathan Matthews.

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APPENDIX V.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAWS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS.

PLATE VII

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WILMINGTON, DEL.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1882.

The Public Statutes, Chapter 40.

LAW LIBRARIES.

SECTION 1. Law library associations heretofore organized in any county except Suffolk shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter relating to such corporations.

SECT. 2. The attorneys at law admitted to practice in the courts of the commonwealth, and resident in a county for which there is no law library association, may organize themselves by the name of the Law Library Association for such county; and, when so organized, shall be a corporation for the purpose of holding and managing the law library belonging to the county, and may adopt by-laws for that purpose, subject to the approval of the justices of the superior court.

SECT. 3. The clerk of the courts in any county in which no such association has been organized may, upon the application of seven attorneys at law resident therein, call a meeting for the purpose of such organization by posting up notifications thereof in some convenient place in any court-house of the county; which meeting shall be held during the term of the superior court commencing next after ten days from the time of posting up such notification. The clerk shall preside at such meeting until a clerk of the association is chosen.

SECT. 4. The officers of such an association shall be a clerk, treasurer, and librarian, and their duties shall be defined by the by-laws.

SECT. 5. Every inhabitant of a county in which such association is organized may use the books in the library, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the association with the approval of the superior court.

TOWN AND CITY LIBRARIES.

SECT. 9. Any town or city may establish and maintain a public library therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof, and may provide suitable rooms therefor, under such regulations for its government as may from time to time be prescribed by the inhabitants of the town or by the city council.

SECT. 10. Any town may at a legal meeting grant and vote money for the establishment, maintenance, or increase of a public library therein, and for erecting or providing suitable buildings or rooms therefor; and may receive, hold, and manage any devise, bequest, or donation for the establishment, increase, or maintenance of any such library.

SECT. 11. The city government of a city or the selectmen of a town, in which there is a public library owned and maintained by such city or town, may place in such library, for the use of the inhabitants, such books, reports, and laws as have been or may be received from the commonwealth.

APPROPRIATION OF MONEY FOR LIBRARIES.

Section 10 of chapter 227 of the Public Statutes provides that the towns may at legal meetings grant and vote such sums as they judge necessary for maintaining any library therein to which the inhabitants are allowed free access for the purpose

of using the books on the premises, and for establishing and maintaining a public reading room, in connection with and under the control of the manager of such library.

THE DOG TAX.

Section 107 of chapter 102 of the Public Statutes provides that the money received for dog licenses a d refunded to the towns shall be expended for the support of public libraries or schools.

DEFACING BOOKS, PAPERS, ETC.

Section 79 of chapter 253 of the Public Statutes provides that whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town, city or other public library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding six months.

1883.

An Act to prevent the wilful detention of books, newspapers, magazines, pamphlets or manuscripts of certain libraries.

[Chapter 77, Acts of 1883.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. Whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause detains any book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, or manuscript belonging to a law, town, city or other public or incorporated library, for thirty days after notice in writing, from the librarian of such library, given after the expiration of the time which by the regulations of such library, such book, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, or manuscript may be kept, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one nor more than twenty-five dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding six months.

SECT. 2. The notice required by the foregoing section shall bear upon its face a copy of this act.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved March 24, 1883.]

An Act for the better protection of property of certain libraries.

[Chapter 81, Acts of 1883.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. Section seventy-nine of chapter two hundred and three of the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—Whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause writes upon, injures, defaces, tears or destroys a book, plate, picture, engraving, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, manuscript, or statue belonging to a law, town, city or other public or incorporated library, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding six months.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved March 24, 1883.]

1885.

An Act to protect persons using public libraries from disturbance.

[Acts of 1885, chapter 225.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Whoever wilfully disturbs persons assembled in a public library or reading room connected therewith, by making a noise or in any other manner, during the time in which such library or reading room is open to the public, shall be punished by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding thirty days, or by fine not exceeding fifty dollars. [Approved May 12, 1885.]

1888.

An Act concerning the election and the powers and duties of trustees of free public libraries or of free public libraries and reading-rooms, in towns.

[Acts of 1888, chapter 304.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Every town which raises or appropriates money for the support of a free public library, or free public library and reading-room that is owned by the town, shall at its annual meeting, or at a legal town meeting appointed and notified for that purpose by the selectmen, elect a board of trustees, except in cases where such library has been or may be acquired by the town, in whole or in part, by some donation or bequest containing other conditions or provisions for the elections of its trustees or for its care and management, which conditions have been accepted and agreed to by vote of the town.

[Section 2 amended by chapter 112, Acts of 1889.]

SECT. 2. Said board of trustees shall consist of any number of persons divisible by three not exceeding nine in all which the town may decide to elect, one-third thereof to be elected annually and to continue in office for three years, except that the town shall first elect one-third of the trustees for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter one-third the number annually for the term of three years. No person shall be ineligible to serve upon said board of trustees by reason of sex. Such board of trustees shall be elected by ballot, and shall organize annually by the choice of a chairman and secretary from their own number.

SECT. 3. If any person elected a member of the board of trustees, after being duly notified of his election in the manner in which town officers are required to be notified, refuses or neglects to accept said office, or if any member declines further service, or from change of residence or otherwise, becomes unable to attend to the duties of the board, the remaining members shall in writing give notice of the fact to the selectmen of the town, and the two boards may thereupon, after giving public notice of at least one week, proceed to fill such vacancy until the next annual town meeting; and a majority of the ballots of persons entitled to vote shall be necessary to an election.

SECT. 4. The trustees so elected by the town shall have the entire custody and management of the library and reading-room and all property owned by the town relating thereto; and all money raised or appropriated by the town for its support and maintenance, and all money or property that the town may receive by donation from any source, or by bequest, in behalf of said free public library and reading-room, shall be placed in the care and custody of the board of trustees, to be expended or retained by them for and in behalf of the town for the support and maintenance of its free public library and reading-room, in accordance with the conditions of each or any donation or bequest accepted by the town.

SECT. 5. In every town which shall, by a majority of the votes cast at its annual town meeting or at a legal town meeting appointed and notified for that purpose by the selectmen, so direct, the board of trustees shall, in addition to the officers named in section two of this act, elect from among their own number a treasurer, who shall give a bond to the town similar to the bond given by the town treasurer, for such an amount and with such sureties as may be satisfactory to the selectmen; and until a town directs otherwise the town treasurer shall act as treasurer of the board of trustees.

SECT. 6. The trustees shall make an explicit report to the town at each annual town meeting of all their receipts and expenditures, and of all the property of the town in their care and custody, including a statement of any unexpended balance of money they may have, and of any bequests or donations they may have received and are holding in behalf of the town, with such recommendations in reference to the same as they may deem necessary for the town to consider.

SECT. 7. Nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with library associations, nor with any library that is or may be organized and managed under special act of the legislature.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved May 4, 1888.]

1889.

An Act relating to the election, powers and duties of trustees of free public libraries and reading-rooms in towns.

[Acts of 1889, chapter 112.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section two of chapter three hundred and four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight is hereby amended by striking out in lines two and three the words "not exceeding nine in all," so as to read as follows: *Section 2.* Said board of trustees shall consist of any number of persons divisible by three which the town may decide to elect, one-third thereof to be elected annually and to continue in office for three years, except that the town shall first elect one-third of the trustees for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter one-third the number annually for the term of three years. No person shall be ineligible to serve upon said board of trustees by reason of sex. Such board of trustees shall be elected by ballot, and shall organize annually by the choice of a chairman and secretary from their own number: *provided*, any town having a free public library which has heretofore elected a board of trustees to manage the same consisting of a number divisible by three, and has heretofore elected annually one-third of said board for three years, may continue to elect annually one-third of said board, and the trustees in office shall hold their offices until the term for which they were elected shall expire, unless the town shall vote otherwise. [Approved March 14, 1889.]

1890.

An Act to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries.

[Acts of 1890, chapter 347.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The governor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint five persons, residents of the Commonwealth, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the council.

SECT. 2. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings to the general court in January of each year, and fifteen hundred copies of said report shall be printed as one of the public document series.

SECT. 3. Said board is hereby authorized and directed to expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this act; such books to be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books to be provided as aforesaid.

SECT. 4. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has accepted the provisions hereof at a regularly called town meeting, and has elected a

board of library trustees as provided in chapter three hundred and four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and until said trustees shall have provided, in a manner satisfactory to the board of commissioners, for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.

SECT. 5. Any town accepting the provisions of this act shall annually appropriate from the dog tax, or shall otherwise annually provide for the use and maintenance of its free public library, a sum not less than fifty dollars if its last assessed valuation was one million dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars if said valuation was less than one million and not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars if said valuation was less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

SECT. 6. No member of the board of commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars annually for clerical assistance and incidental and necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties; and all sums expended under the provisions of this act shall be paid from the treasury after the bills therefor have been approved by the board and sent to the auditor of the Commonwealth, who shall certify to the governor and council the amount due as in case of all other bills and accounts approved by him under the provisions of law.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved May 28, 1890.*]

[Acts of 1892, chapter 255.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The board of library commissioners may expend the sum of one hundred dollars for books for the free public library of any town whose valuation does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars, which maintained a free library before the passage of chapter three hundred and forty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and which has fully complied or hereafter fully complies with the provisions of said act.

